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AND THE
Several FORMS thereof,
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ANCIENT and MODERN,
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*The Ancient Oath used and taken by the
Kings of England at their Coronation.*

THat he shall keep and maintain the liberties of the Holy Church, of old time granted by the righteous Christian ~~Kings~~ of *England*; and that he shall keep all the Lands, Honours, and Dignities, righteous and free of the Crown of *England*, in all manner holy, without any manner of minishments;
B and

2 *The New Oath of the K. of England.*

and the rights of the Crown hurt, decay, or loss to his power shall call again into the ancient estate: And that he shall keep the peace of the holy Church and of the Clergy, and of the People with good accord; And that he shall do in his Judgement Equiry and right Justice, with discretion and mercy; And that he shall grant to hold the Laws and Customes of the Realm, and to his power keep them, and affirm them which the Flock and People have chosen; And the evil Laws and Customes wholly to put out, and stedfast and stable peace to the People of his Realm keep, and cause to be kept to his power.

The new Oath *used and taken by the Kings of England at their Coronation.*

The King shall then swear, that he shall keep and maintain the lawful Right, and the Liberties of old time granted by the Righteous Christian Kings of England, to the holy Church of England, not prejudicial to his Jurisdiction and Dignity Royal, and that he shall keep all the Lands, Honours, and Dignities, Rights and Freedomes, of the Crown of England, in all manner whole, without any manner of minishment, and the Right of the Crown hurt, decay, or lost, to his power shall call again into the

King H. 8. corrected the old Oath with his own hand to the effect of this: The Original is in the hands of Sir Rob. Cotton, Kt. Bar. 1625.

the ancient estate; and that he shall endeavour himself to keep unity in his Clergy and Temporal Subjects; and that he shall according to his Conscience in all his Judgments minister Equity, Right, and Justice, shewing where is to be shewed mercy; and that he shall grant to hold the Laws and approved Customes of the Realm, and lawful, and not prejudicial to his Crown, or imperial Jurisdiction, to his power keep them, and affirm them which the Nobles and People have made and chosen with his consent, and the evil Laws and Customes wholly to put out, and stedfast and stable peace to the People of his Realm keep, and cause to be kept to his power in those which honour and Equity do require.

The Oath of a Privy Counsellor.

You shall swear, To the uttermost part of your cunning, wit, will, and power; you shall be true and faithful to the **Queens Majesty** our most dear and Sovereign Lady, and to her Highness Heirs and Successors, **Kings and Queens of England**, according to the limitation of the Statute made in the year of her Reign for the establishment of the Succession of the Crown Imperial of this Realm; You shall not know nor hear any thing, that may in any wayes be prejudicial to her **Majesty**, or to her Heirs and Successors in form aforesaid, or to

the Commonwealths peace, and quiet of this her **Majesties** Realm; but you shall with all diligence reveal and disclose the same to her **Majesty**; or to such person or persons of her **Highness** Privy Counsel as you shall think may and will honestly convey and bring it to her **Majesties** knowledge; you shall serve her **Majesty** truly and faithfully in the room and place of her **Highness** Privy Council; you shall keep close and secret all such matters as shall be treated, disputed, debated, and resolved of in Counsel, without disclosing the same, or any part thereof to any, but to such only as be of the Privy Council; and yet if any matter so propounded, treated, disputed, and debated in any such Council, shall touch any particular person sworn of the same, upon any such matter as shall in anywise concern his fidelity, and truth to the **Queens** Majesty, you shall in no wise open the same to him, but keep it secret, as you would do from any other person, till the **Queens** Majesties pleasure be known in that behalf; you shall in all things to be moved, treated, disputed, and debated in any such Council, faithfully and truly declare your mind and opinion, according to your heart and conscience, in no wise forbearing so to do for any manner of respect, of favour, love, need, dread, displeasure, or corruption. Finally, you shall be vigilant, diligent and circumspect in all your doings and proceedings, touching the **Queens** Majesty and her Affairs; all which points before expressed you shall faithfully observe, fulfil, and keep, to the uttermost
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The Oath of the Clerk of the Council. 5

of your power, wit, and cunning. So God you help, and by the holy Contents of this Book.

The Oath of the Clerk of the Council.

You shall swear, To be a true and faithful
Servant unto the **Queens** Majesty, as one
of the Clerks of her Highness Privy Council; You
shall not know or understand of any manner of
thing to be attempted, done, or spoken, against
her **Majesties** Person, Honour, Crown, and
Dignity Royal, but you shall let and withstand
the same, to the uttermost of your power, and
either do, or cause it to be revealed either to her
Majesty her self, or to her Privy Council; You
shall keep secret all matters committed and re-
vealed unto you, or that shall be treated of se-
cretly in Council; And if any of the same Trea-
ties or Counsels shall touch any of the Counsel-
lors, you shall not reveal it unto him, but shall
keep the same until such time, as by the consent
of her **Majesty**, or of the Council, Publication
shall be made thereof; You shall to your utter-
most bear Faith and true Allegiance to her **Ma-
jesty**, her Heirs and Successors, and shall assist
and defend all Jurisdictions, Preeminencies, and
Authorities, granted to her **Majesty** and annex-
ed to her Crown, against all Forraign Princes,
Persons, Prelates, or Potentates, &c. by Act of
Parliament or otherwise; And generally in all
other things you shall do as a faithful and true
Servant and Subject ought to do to her Majesty.
So help you God, and by, &c.

6. *The Oath of a Judge.*

The Oath of a Judge.

The Kings Justices shall be sworn, That they well and truly shall serve the King and his People; and that they shall not assent to things that may turn to his damage or disinheri- tance: nor that they shall take no Fee nor Livery of none but of the King, nor that they shall take gift or reward of none that hath a do before them, except it be meat or drink of a small value, as long as the Plea is hanging before them, nor after for that cause: Nor that they shall give Council to none in a matter that may touch the King, upon pain to be at the Kings will, body and goods; And that they shall do right to every person, notwithstanding the Kings Lees, &c. And in like manner the Barons of the Exchequer shall be sworn, and also Justices of Oyer and Ter- miner, and of Assizes and Goal Delivery, and Justices of Peace, before whom they have their Commissions, in a certain form, as shall seem good to the Chancellor. *Anno 2. Edw. 3.*

The Oath of the Clerks of the Chancery.

Ye shall swear, That ye well and tru- ly shall serve our Sovereign Lord the King and his People, in the Office of the Chancery, whereto ye are Titled; nor shall ye assent, or procure the dis-herizon or perpetual hurt of the King

King, to your power: Nor you shall do no fraud nor procure none to be done, to the hurt of any of the people, nor in any thing that toucheth the keeping of the Seal; And truly shall ye counsel the things that touch the **King**, when you shall be thereto required, and the counsel that you know touching him shall ye conceal, and if ye know the **Kings** dis-heritance, or his perpetual hurt, or fraud to be done in things touching the keeping of the said Seal, you shall put your lawful power to redresse it; and if ye cannot do it, ye shall shew it the Chancellor or other that may amend it after your intent. And it shall be added for the Clerk of course; And ye shall not bring, nor suffer to be brought to your knowledge, Writs, which ye shall make of the Court not sealed, thereof to make execution; nor ye shall record none Attorney, neither by Writ nor without Writs, without special License, if ye have not Lawfully examined the party, and the Attorney in proper person; or at least he that shall make the Attorney in proper person: nor no Writ which is of Commandment ye shall not deliver to the Examiners, nor to the Seal, before the same Writ be commanded to you, by a Commander that hath power, if it be not to the Chancellor, or to one of the Masters, which shall command you to make the Writs; and that all the Writs which ye shall make ye shall deliver them to the Examiner by your own hands, or by a fellow that is sworn to the **King**, if your self be out of the Court because of sickness, or cannot do it for some other necessary

8 *The Oath of the Kings Yeomen, &c.*

cessary cause; And that ye shall deliver to the Examiner no Writs written of another hand under your name as yours, nor you shall put no name upon your Writs. So help you God, and his Saints. *Anno xviii. Edw. 3.*

The Oath of the Kings Servants, Yeomen, by the Vice Chamberlain.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall be true to your Sovereign Lord **King Hen. 8.** and to his Heirs **Kings of England**; and if ye have known any thing in times past, or may know in time coming, that might be prejudicial to his Royal Person, or to this his Realm, ye shall with diligence do it to be known, either to his Person or to such of his Council as it may soonest come to his knowledge; Ye shall from henceforth use your self in the Room, as one of the Squires for his Body; ye shall be diligent in giving your attendance for the same; Ye shall be obedient to the Lord Chamberlain, to the Vice-Chamberlain, to all Gentlemen Ushers, and to all Yeomen Ushers, in all things that shall appertain to your Room, Ye shall not depart this the **Kings** Court without the **Kings** especial License, the Lord Chamberlains, or the Vice-Chamberlaines in his absence; You shall not from hence forward bear your service, nor be retained to no manner of person, but onely to the **Kings** Highness; Ye shall not from hence forward retain no man, otherwise than according to the **Kings** Laws, except it be only for the
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The Oath of a Master of Requests, &c. 9

the **Kings** service. These Articles, with all other, ye shall truly observe and keep; As help you God, and holy *David*, and all Saints, and by this Book, &c.

The Oath of a Master of Requests, as it is entered in the Council Book, Anno Eliz.

You shall swear, To be true Counsellor to the **Queens** Majesty, as one of her Masters of Requests; You shall not know or understand of any manner of thing to be attempted, done, or spoken against her Majesties Honour, Crown, and Dignity Royal, but you shall let and withstand the same to the uttermost of your power, and either do, or cause it forthwith to be revealed, either to her Majesties self or to the rest of the Privy Council; And you shall to the uttermost bear Faith and true Allegiance to the **Queens** Majesty, her Heirs, and Lawful Successors; and shall assist and defend all Jurisdictions, Preeminencies, and Authorities granted to her Majesty, and annexed to the Crown, against all Forreign Princes, Persons, Prelates, and Potentates, &c. by Act of Parliament, or otherwise, and generally in all things ye shall do as true Counsellors ought to do to her Majesty. So God you help, &c.

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The Tenor of the Oath directed by King Hen. 8. and his Council, in the fourth year of his Reign, to his Commissioners for executing the Kings Commissions and Instructions within the Diocesse of York, for Mustering and putting the Kings Subjects in a readines for the Wars, and to understand the substance of every man throughout England.

Ye shall truly and plainly declare and shew, as near as ye can, or may possibly call to mind or remembrance, putting apart all colour, fraud, or deceit, of what value and substance ye be, as well in Money, Plate, Jewels, Utensels, Stuffs, and Ornaments of Household-stuffe, Merchandizes, of all manner, sorts, and qualities, debts upon specialties, Obligations, Pledges, Promises, or any otherwise, not only on this side the Seas, but also in any outward parts; not forbearing thus expressly to shew and declare, for any lucre, singular profit, or advantage, prejudices, hinderances, losses, and damages that may ensue unto you by the same. So God you help, and the holy Evangelists.

The Oath of the Bayliffe for the Sewers

You shall swear, That you shall diligently, truly, and circumspectly peruse, view, and search from time to time, all and singular
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such damages, perils, defaults, and reparations, that shall at any time happen or chance to be within any of the Banks, Walls, Sewers, Troughs, or Slewces, within the Precinct of the Level, as far as the limits of your Office shall extend, and the same with all diligence, to the uttermost of your power, procure to be presented unto her Majesties Commissioners of Sewers, and the Jury that are or shall be impannelled for such causes, that the same with all expedition may be amended and repaired; and to do and execute all and every other thing and things whatsoever that shall appertain unto your said Office, as high as God shall give you grace. So help you God, &c.

The Oath of the Constables within the City of London.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall keep the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King well, and lawfully after your power, and ye shall Arrest all them that make Contempt, Ryot, Debate, or Afray by breaking of the said Peace, and lead them to the Home or Counter, and if ye be withstood by strength of mis-doers, ye shall rear on them an Entry, and pursue them from Street to Street, and from Ward to Ward till they be Arrested; and ye shall search at all times when ye be the Scavengers, or Beadles, the common noysomness of your Ward, and the Beadle and Raker ye shall help to rear, and gather

The Scavengers Oath

gather their Sallary, and Quarterage, if ye be thereunto by them required, and if any thing be done within your Ward against the Ordinance of this City, such defaults as ye shall find there done ye shall then present unto the Mayor, and Ministers of the City, and if ye be letted by any person, or persons, that ye may not duly do your daily Office, ye shall certifie the Mayor and Council of the City of the name or names of him or them that so let you,

You shall also Swear, that during the time that ye shall stand in the Office, and occupy the room of a Constable; ye shall once at the least every Month certifie and shew to one of the Clerks of the Mayors Court, as well the names as the sir-names of all Free-men which ye shall know to be deceased within the Month in the Parish wherein ye shall be inhabited, as also the names, and sir-names of all the Children of the said Freemen so deceased, being Orphans of the said City; and thus you shall not fail to do, as God you help, &c.

The Oath of the Scavenger.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall diligently oversee that Pavements within your Ward be well and sufficiently repaired, and not made too high in noysance of your Neighbours; and that the Ways, Streets, and Lanes be cleansed of Dung, and all manner of Filth for the honesty of this City; and that all the Chimnies, Furnaces, Reredoes,

Reredoes be of Stone, sufficiently and defensible made against peril of Fire, and if ye find any of the contrary, ye shall shew it to the Alderman of the Ward; so that the Alderman may ordain for the amendment thereof; And thus ye shall do, as God ye help, &c.

The Oath of every Free-man of the City of London.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lord **King Charles** and to the Heirs of our said Sovereign Lord the **King**; obeyfant and obedient shall ye be to the Mayor and Ministers of this City, the Franchises and Customes thereof ye shall maintain, and this City keep harmless in that which in you is; ye shall be contributory to all manner of Charges within this City, as Summons, Watches, Contributions, Taxes, Tallages, Lot and Scot, and to all other Charges bearing your part as a Free-man ought to do; Ye shall colour no Foreign Goods under or in your name, whereby the **King** or this City might or may lose their Customes or Advantages; ye shall know no Foreigner to buy or sell any Merchandise with any other Foreigner within this City or Franchise thereof, but ye shall warn the Chamberlain thereof or some Minister of the Chamberlains; ye shall implead or sue no Free-man out of this City, whiles ye may have Right and Law within the same City; ye shall take none Apprentice, but if he be free born

born (that is to say) no Bondmans Son, nor the Son of any Alien, and for no less term than for seven years, without fraud or deceit, and within the first year, ye shall cause him to be Enrolled, or else pay such Fine, as shall be reasonably imposed upon you for omitting the same; and after his term end, within convenient time being required, ye shall make him Free of this City, if he have well and truly served you; ye shall also keep the **Kings** Peace in your own Person; ye shall know Gatherings, Conventicles, or Conspiracies made against the **Kings** Peace, but ye shall warn the Mayor thereof, or let it to your power; all these Points and Articles ye shall well and truly keep according to the Laws and Customes of this City to your power, So help you God, &c.

The Oath of a Sherifff of a County.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall serve the **King** well, and truly in the Office of the Sherifff of *A.* and do the **Kings** profit in all that belongeth to you to do by way of your Office, as far forth as you can or may; ye shall truly keep the **Kings** Rights, and all that belongeth to the Crown; ye shall not assent to decrease, to lessenings, or concealment of the **Kings** Right, or of his Franchises, and whensoever ye shall have knowledge that the **Kings** Rights, or the Rights of his Crown be concealed, or withdrawn, be it in Land, Rent, Franchise, or Suits,
 or

or any other things; ye shall do your true power to make them be restored to the **King** again, and if ye may not do it ye shall certifie the **King**, or some of his Council thereof, such as ye hold for certain will say it to the **King**; ye shall not respite the **Kings** Debts, for any gifts or favour, where you may raise them without great grievance of the Debtors; ye shall truly and righteously treat the People of your Sheriff-wick, and do right as well to Poor as to Rich in all that belongeth to your Office: Ye shall do no wrong to any man for any gift or other behest, or promise of Goods, for favour, nor hate; ye shall disturb no mans right; ye shall truly acquit at the Exchequer all those of whom ye shall any thing receive of the **Kings** Debts; ye shall nothing take whereby the **King** may lose, or whereby that Right may be disturbed, letted, or the **Kings** Debts delayed; ye shall truly return and truly serve all the **Kings** Writs, as far forth as shall be within your cunning; ye shall not have to be your under Sheriff, or any of the Sheriffs Clerks of the last year past; ye shall take no Bayliffes into your service, but such as ye shall answer for; ye shall make each of your Bayliffes to make such Oath as ye make your self in that that belongeth to their occupation; ye shall receive no Writ by you or any of yours unsealed, or any sealed, under any Seal of any Justice save of Justice in Eyre, or Justice Assigned in the same Shire where ye be Sheriff in, or other Justice having power or authority to make any Writs unto you by the Law of the Land,

or

or any Justice of Newgate ; ye shall make your Bayliffes of the true and sufficientest men in the

Nota, These words All manner of Heresies commonly called Lollards were objected against by the Lord Chief Justice Cook, and ordered to be left out of the Oath, Cro. Car. 1. quod vide.

Country, also, ye shall do all your power and diligence to destroy, and make to cease all manner of Heresies, and Errors, commonly called Lollards, within your Bayliffwick, from time to time to all your

power, and assist and be helping to all Ordinaries, and Commissaries of holy Church, and favour and maintain them as oft times as we shall be required by the said Ordinaries, and Commissaries; ye shall be dwelling in your proper person within your Bayliffewick for the time ye shall be in the same Office, except ye be otherwise licensed of the **King**; ye shall not let your Sheriffwick, nor any Bayliffwick thereof to Farm to any man; ye shall truly set, and return reasonable and due issues of them that be within your Bayliffwick after their estate and their honour; and make your Pannels your self of such persons as be most next, most sufficient, and not suspect, or procured, as it is ordained by the Statutes, and over this in Eschewing and restrainer of the Mans slaughters, Robberies, and other manifold grievous offences that have been done daily, namely of such as name themselves Souldiers, and by other Vagabants, the which continually increase in number, and multiply, so that the **Kings** true Subjects may not be safe, yea ride, nor go to do
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such things as they have to do, to their intolerable hurt and hinderance; ye shall truly and effectually with all diligence possible to your power execute the Statute, as the Statutes of *Winchester*, and of Vagabonds; these things all ye shall truly keep, as God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath of an Attorney at Law.

You shall do no falshood, nor consent to any to be done in the Court, and if you know of any to be done you shall give knowledge thereof unto my Lord Chief Justice, or other his Brethren, that it may be reformed; you shall delay no man for lucre or malice; You shall increase no Fees, but shall be contented with the old Fees accustomed; you shall plead no Foreign Plea, nor suffer no Foreign Suits unlawfully to hurt any man, but such as shall stand with order of the law, and your conscience; you shall seal all such Procelles as you shall sue out of the Court with the Seal thereof, and see the ~~things~~ Majesty, and my Lord Chief Justice discharged for the same; ye shall not wittingly nor willingly sue, nor procure to be sued any false Suit, nor give aid, nor consent to the same, in pain to be expelled from the Court for ever; And furthermore, you shall use your self in the Office of an Attorney, within the Court according to your Learning and discretion; so help you God, &c.

The Oath of a Merchant Adventurer.

First, ye shall swear, To be true to our Sovereign . Lady the **Queen**, her Heirs and Successors, and if any thing may come to your knowledge intended against her Majesties Person, or Dominions, to discover the same to the Governour of this Fellowship, or his Deputy, or some other in place convenient.

Secondly, You shall swear to be obedient and assistant to the Governour, and his Deputy, and Fellowship of Merchant-Adventures; and to keep all Acts and Ordinances by them made, or to be made, without doing or procuring any thing in prejudice thereof, or else offending, duly to pay the penalties.

Thirdly, Ye swear, To conceal the secrets of the Fellowship, and to make known unto the Governour, or his Deputy, from time to time, any thing which you shall understand to be pretended against the Fellowship, or the Privileges thereof.

Lastly, You swear, That in no case you shall colour or free any mans Goods whomsoever, being either Stranger, or one free of this Fellowship.

The Oath of a Merchant Adventurer taken before the Poqueter, for the true Shipping of his Clothes.

You shall swear, That all and every such Clothes, and other Commodities, whereof you, or any of you have made entry, are already bought, and within the Walls of London, being over and above all former Entries, and are not yet Shipped, and they are also belonging to those men in whose names they be entered, and their Partners, being free Brothers of this Company of Merchant Adventurers; and that they are entred to be Shipped either for *Stoade*; or *Middleborough*. So God you help.

The Oath which the Honourable George Lord Nevel, Baron of Abergaveny used to swear his Servants by, at their first coming into his Household.

Ye shall bear your faith therewith, and true service next unto our Sovereign Lord King Henry 8. unto my Lord and Lady of this place, whom ye intend now to serve; also if ye know any hurt, harm, or hinderance to be done to my said Lord and Lady to their Bodies, or to their Goods, or to his Children, by any person or persons, ye shall give him knowledge, or some of his Council as soon

as God will give you grace; Also ye shall not consume nor waste none of his Goods, nor suffer them to be wasted negligently by any other person, if ye be in power to let it, or else give knowledge to his Officers that have the Rule and Charge of his House; And also at all times ye shall be obedient, requisite, and necessary, unto my Lords Officers that have the Rule and Charge of my said Lords Household aforesaid, ye shall well and truly of your behalf keep and perform, to the best of your power. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of Treasurer Clerk in the Exchequer.

YOU shall swear, That you shall well and truly serve the **King** your Lord, in your Office, and Room of Clerkship, to the Lord Treasurer of *England*, within this Court of the **Kings** Receipt and Treasury; And you shall uprightly behave your self towards all his Subjects and Accomptants, for the ir speedy expedition, without any unjust hindrance or delay, for affection, meed, or dread; And you shall make no untrue Entry into any of the **Kings** Rolls, or other Books of Receipt and *exitus*, commonly called the Pelles of Receipt and *Exitus*, whereby the **King** our Lord, or any his Subjects, may be hurt or damaged. But if you shall know of any error in them escaped; speedily to be amended; And you shall from
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time to time make, or cause to be made to the Lord Treasurer of *England*, true and perfect Declarations of all manner of Sums of Mony coming in, and going out of the Kings Treasury, so often as the same Lord Treasurer shall demand ; And you shall safely preserve and keep the **Kings** Records , Leagues, and other Writings lying in his Treasury, not suffering any of them to be harmed, lost, or altered by your default , nor yet to be removed abroad to any place out of the said Treasury, but only by Warrant or License from the Lord Treasurer of *England*; And when any such License or command shall be given, yet you shall not rudely adventure the carrying thereof by water, if you may have convenient passage by Land ; And you shall to the best of your power conserve all the ancient and laudable Customes of this Court, without permitting any new errour to arise (if you be able to resist it,) and where you are not able, you shall speedily disclose it to the Lord Treasurer of *England* for reformation. Finally, you shall in all things concerning this your Office be obedient, faithful, and true, to the Lord Treasurer for the time being, and shall not bewray the secrets of this Court ; nor yet any waste make of the Kings goods for any cause. So help you God, and all Saints, and by the Contents of that Book.

The Oath of the *Writer of the Tallyes,*
and *Counter Tallyes.*

You shall swear, That you shall truly and faithfully writ all the Tallyes and Counter-Tallyes, otherwise called the Joyles of the said Tallyes, of all manner of payments in the Court of Receipt to be made, and to give good attendance to the same, helping to dispatch all manner of Accomprants according to the antient customes of this Court; and to make Declarations for the declaring of all manner of Receipts and Payments, there received and paid from time to time, to the Lord Treasurer of *England*, or to the under-Treasurer for the time being; and especially to regard, and so from time to time, unto the Entries safe keeping, taking out, shewing, delivery, and laying up all manner of Leagues, and other Writings of any other parties, which remain within the King our Sovereign Lord his Treasury; to whom you shall be true, secret, and faithful, during the time of your being in the said Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

The new Oath of the Writer of the Pell,
made in the sixth year of King Edward
the sixth.

You shall swear, That you shall truly and faithfully keep the **Kings** Majesties Book within this his Court, called the Pell, for the speedy expedition of his Accomptants, for their surety; And you shall delay none of the Kings Accomptants; for favour, meed, affection, or dread; and see all ways that no untrue entry be made in the said Pell: And if you know of any error done within the said Court, you shall shew it to the Lord Treasurer or to the under Treasurer, without any delay thereof to be made: And the secrets of this Court you shall not bewray. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Usher of the Exchequer.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the Treasurer and Chamberlains of the Exchequer in your room of Ushership to the Lord Treasurer of *England*, within this Court of the **Kings** Receipts, and shall diligently lock and keep the doors of the Kings Treasury in due time for safety of his goods; And the same doors ye shall be ready to open again at all times, when the same Lord Treasurer and Chamberlain, or other their Clerks,

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and Deputies, shall have occasion to enter, and there shall give your attendance till their departure. And ye shall demand no unjust allowance for any necessities or other kind of thing by you bought for service of the **King** within this Court: And ye shall, to your power, help and further all such the **Kings** Accomptants as shall have to do in this Court. So help you God, and Holidome, and by the Contents of that Book.

The Oath ministred unto the Souldiers serving under the Earl of Leicester in the Low Countries.

WEE do swear and promise, To do all loyal, true, and faithful service unto the **Queen** of *England*, her most Excellent Majesty, and unto the Provinces and Cities united in these Countries, and their Associates, under the charge and obedience of the Right Excellent the Earl of *Leicester* Governour general of the said Provinces and Cities, and their Associates, and of her Majesties Army and Forces within the same, and all lawful and due obedience unto the said Governour, and to any other Superiour that shall have charge under him for Government in this Army. And further we do promise to endeavour our selves to keep and fulfil all such lawful Ordinances as his Excellency hath, or shall set forth and establish for the better ordering of this Army, as
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much as concerns us, so long as we shall serve under him. So help us God, by Jesus Christ.

The Oath of the Governour of Berwick.

Y^{OU} shall swear, To bee faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady **Elizabeth**, by the grace of God **Queen** of *England, France, and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. and to keep and defend, to the use of her **Majesty**, her **Heirs** and **Successors**, This Town of *Berwick*, and the Marches of the same, to the uttermost of your power, and according to your Offices, you shall not be absent at any time from your Office, without her **Majesties** special License, containing in the same the names of such to whom your charge shall be committed in your absence, except it be upon reasonable causes, to go into the Wardency of the East Marches for the service thereof, or to some other part of *Northumberland*, upon any your needful causes; at which time nevertheless you shall depute the Marshal, or in his absence, the next principal Officer, to take your charge of this Town: You shall cause all the Officers of this Town to do their duties, or else see them punished without favour or delay; you shall use the advice of all those which be Counsellors of this Town for any matter concerning the Government thereof, except the matter shall touch any of themselves in which the same parties shall be excluded for the time; you shall see that this Town,
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and the Garrison be provided of a convenient force of Victual of all sorts from time to time; And that the Mayor and his Brethren shall do their duties for the Common-weal of the same Town according to their Jurisdiction. You shall administer Justice truly, and indifferently to all manner of persons having any Cause depending before you: You shall not admit, nor suffer to be admitted any manner of person to be of this Garrison that shall be born out of the Realm of *England* or *Ireland*; nor above the number of forty that shall be born within the Realm of *Ireland*; You shall at sundry times visit the Gates and Posterns of this Town, the Locks and Shuttings thereof, the Town Walls, Bulworks, Ditches, Ordinances, Artillery, and Munition, and the Houses of the Storage of the same, and cause to be redressed to the best of your power any thing therein amisse; Finally, you shall quarterly peruse the Statutes and Ordinances heretofore made, and now remaining in force for the Government of this Town, and them cause to be duly kept and observed.

The Oath of the Marshal of Berwick.

You shall swear, That you shall be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady Queen **Elizabeth**, by the grace of God, **Queen** of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. You shall be obedient to the Governour

nour of this Town, for the good governance and defence of the same, and shall give good counsel and assistance unto him, and all other Officers of the Town to the uttermost of your power; You shall set the Watch of the Town, and visit it from time to time, as to your Office belongeth; You shall not imprison, or present any person without reasonable cause, and thereof you shall certifie the Governour of their names, and their causes: You shall suffer no person born out of the **Queens Majesties** Allegiance without the Governours special License, (and that not without good cause) to lodge in this Town above two nights, or to continue above twenty four hours at any one time, nor shall suffer any stranger to be lodged, but in convenient place to keep the same person from the knowledg of the secrets of this Town. Finally, you shall keep, and cause to be kept, all manner of Statutes, Laws and Ordinances, heretofore made, and now remaining in force, for the good governance of this Town, to the uttermost of your power.

The Oath of the Treasurer of Berwick.

You shall swear, That you shall be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady **Elizabeth** by the grace of God, **Queen of England, France, and Ireland**, Defender of the Faith, &c. You shall be obedient to the Governour of this Town

Town for the good governance and defence of the same, and shall give counsel and assistance to him, and all other Officers of the Town to the uttermost of your power; you shall make no payment to Officers or Souldiers until Muster be had, viewed, and taken by the Governour and Marshal of the Town, and the Comptroller, and of the Checque hereof. Finally, Ye shall observe and keep, or cause to be observed and kept, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, heretofore made, and now remaining in force; for the government of this Town.

The Oath of the Porter of Berwick.

You shall swear, That you shall be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lady **Elizabeth** by the grace of God **Queen** of *England, France, and Ireland*, Defender of the faith, &c. You shall be obedient and attendant to the Governour for the time being in all things appertaining to the good governance and defence of the same Town, and to him, and to the **Councill** and Officers of the same Town; You shall give faithful and diligent counsel, and them ayd and assist to the uttermost of your power: You shall safely, surely, and diligently keep the keyes of the Gates of this Town of *Berwick*, while they shall be in your hands, and shall see the same Gates guarded and shut up at the times accustomed, and as the Governour of this Town shall command, for the surety of
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this Town; And at all times, as soon as the Gates shall be shut, you shall bring the said Keys to the Governour of the Town, and in his absence, to his Deputy; you shall whensoever any tidings or intelligence shall come to you by Land, or by Water, that is meet to be known to the Governour of the Town, or to the Council in his absence, forthwith let them know the same; You shall rear no new Customes or Taxes, to the vexation of any comers or goers, &c.

The Oath of the Master of the Ordinance
for the Town of Berwick.

You shall swear, That you shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady **Elizabeth** by the grace of God, **Queen of England, France, and Ireland**, Defender of the Faith, &c. You shall be obedient to the Governour of this Town, for the good governance and defence of the same; And shall give good counsel and assistance to him, and all other Officers of the Town to the uttermost of your power; You shall see that the Ordinance, Artillery, and Munition be safely and well kept from all danger of the Enemies, of Fire, or other misadventures to the best of your power, and that the Ordinance and Artillery placed for the defence of this Town be always kept in good repair, and be in readiness for the use where the same is or shall be planted; You shall
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issue no part thereof at any time but for the service of this Town, nor shall expend any portion of your Office but by Warrant; Finally, You shall observe and keep, or cause to be observed and kept all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances of this Town heretofore made, and now remaining in force for the good governance of the same Town.

The Oath *of the Clerk of the Checque in Berwick.*

You shall swear, That you shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the Grace of God Queen of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. You shall swear to keep truly the Books of Musters of all the persons in the Town, and you shall keep true Record, and Report of the time of all manner of persons departing from the Town, being either Licensed for more then two dayes, or being Cashier'd or discharged of Service, and of all such as shall depart without License, and shall duly inform the Governour of the defaults that you shall find, and the same you shall Checque in your Book, and the same Book you shall duly keep, and at the pay see the party thereof Taxed and defaulted, and further punished as the cause shall require.

**The Oath of Captains of Bands in the
Town of Berwick.**

You shall swear, To be true and good to
our Sovereign Lady the **Queen**, and to the
Governour of the Town, and shall keep your
whole number being in your charge without
diminishing, or admitting of the same until
you have certified the Governour of the
Town thereof, and that the Clerk of the
Checque by the Governours appointment have
enrolled the same in his Book, and if any of
your Band shall escape away, or die, you shall
forthwith notifie the same to the Governour
of the Town, and the said Clerk of the
Checque; You shall not refuse to come to
common Musters at any time, upon the call of the
Governour of the Town, either being alone,
or else having with him the Treasurer and
Clerk of the Checque; neither shall you
bring to Muster any person but such as have
served in your Band, during the time for which
he shall have pay; neither shall you to your
knowledg suffer any one to be in your Band
that receiveth any mans pay of our Treasurer
in any other room or place within this
Town, except it be for the Tax work in our
Fortifications, whereof you shall make privy
the Treasurer, and Clerk of the Checque;
You shall see, and cause every your Souldiers
to be frequently Trained and taught the use
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of their Weapons, and other Feats of War convenient for them; and at the last you shall cause the same to be done every fourteen days in Summer once, and every twenty days in Winter: You shall not permit any of your Band to take any more Victuals, or other Wares within that Town then his Wages will discharge; You shall with your Band, Watch and Ward for the defence of this Town as you shall be appointed by the Marshal and Governour thereof; You shall not depart out of the Town and Marches further then the Orders of the Town do permit without leave of the Governour of the Town, or in his absence by his Deputy, under their Writings and Seal, mentioning the time of your leave to be absent, and before your departure (if it shall be longer then for three days) you shall present your self to the Treasurer, or his Deputy, giving notice unto them for the time licensed you for absence, and at your return you shall also give notice to the said Treasurer and Clerk of the Checque; You shall also be obedient to the Governour, and to the other Counsellors of this Town, and shall obey all Statutes and Ordinances of the same.

The Oath of every private Souldier in Berwick.

You shall swear, To be good and true to our Sovereign Lady the **Queen**, and to the
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Governour of this Town for ~~Her~~ **Majesties** service, and truly (do as much as in you shall lie, to) keep this Town always true *English*, and in good obedience to the Governour, Marshall, and other Officers thereof; and you shall be governed by your Captain within any Debate or Rebellion, and if you shall know any thing hurtful to the state of this Town, or to any part thereof, you shall forthwith disclose the same either to your Captain, or to the Governour, or to one of the Council of the Town; You shall keep such Armour and Weapon as you are by your Captain limited to have without willful spoil, or selling thereof, except it be to provide better; You shall keep all other Ordinances of this Town that may any ways pertain to you to keep.

**The Oath of the Lord President of the
Councel in the Marches of Wales.**

You shall swear, To the uttermost of your power, will, and cunning, that you shall be true and faithful to the **Queens Highness**, our Sovereign Lady, and to her Heirs and Successors, and that you do utterly testifie and declare in your conscience, that the **Queens Highness** is the only supream Governour of this Realm, and of all other **her Highness** Dominions and Countries, as well in all Spiritual and Ecclesiastical things or Causes as Temporal; and that no Foreign Prince, Person,
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Prelate, State, or Potentate hath, or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power Superiority, Pre-eminence, or Authority Ecclesiastical, or Spiritual within this Realm; And that you do utterly renounce and forsake all Foreign Jurisdctions, Powers, Superiorities, and Authorities; and do promise that from henceforth you shall bear faith, and true Allegiance to the **Queens Highness**; her Heirs and Successors, and to your power shall assist, and defend all Jurisdctions, Priviledges, Preeminencies, and Authorities granted or belonging to the **Queens Highness**, her Heirs and Successors, or united and annexed to the Imperial Crown of this Realm.

2. **You** shall not know nor hear any thing that may in any wise be prejudicial to her Highness or her Common-wealth, peace and quiet of her Highness Realm, but you shall with all diligence reveal and discover the same to her Highness, or to such other person or persons of her Graces Privy Council, as you shall think meet, and will soonest convey and bring it to her Highness.

3. **You** shall serve her Highness truly and faithfully in the room and place of one of her Graces Council.

4. **You** shall in all things to be moved, treated, and debated, in any Council, faithfully and truly declare your mind and opinion according to your heart and conscience, no wise forbearing so to do, for any manner, respect of favor, meed, displeasure, or corruption.

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5. You shall faithfully and uprightly, to the best of your power, cause Justice to be duly and indifferently Ministred to the **Queens** Majesties Subjects, that shall have cause to sue for the same, according to equity and to the Order of the Law.

Finall, You shall be vigilant and circumspect in all your doings and proceedings touching the **Queens** Majesty, and her Highness Affairs.

All which points and Articles before expressed, with all other Articles, Signed with the **Queens** Majesties Hand, and delivered to me the Lord President of her Highness Council, established in these parts; you shall faithfully keep and fulfill, to the uttermost of your power, wit, will, and cunning. So God you help, and the contents of this Book.

The Oath of the Clerk of the Parliament.

You shall be true, faithful, and truth you shall bear to our Sovereign Lord the **King**, and to his Heirs and Successors; You shall nothing know that shall be prejudicial to his Highness, his Crown, State, and Dignity Royal, but that you shall resist, to your power, and with all speed ye shall advertise his Grace thereof, at the least some of his Council, in such wise as the same may come to his knowledge; Ye shall also well and truly serve his Highness in the Office of Clerk of his Parliament,

making true entry and Records of the things done and past in the same; Ye shall keep secret all such matters as shall be treated in his said Parliament, and not disclose the same before it shall be published, but to such as they ought to be disclosed unto: And generally ye shall well and truly do and execute all things belonging unto you to be done, appertaining to the Office of Clerk of the Parliament; as God you help, &c.

The Oath of Allegiance.

I A. B. Do truly and sincerely acknowledge, I professe, testifie, and declare, in my conscience before God and the world, That our Sovereign Lord **King James** is lawful **King** of this Realm, and of all other his **Majesties** Dominions and Countries; and that the Pope neither of himself, nor by any Authority of the Church or See of *Rome*, or by any other means with any other, hath any Power or Authority to depose the **King**, or to dispose of any of his **Majesties** Kingdoms or Dominions, or to authorize any Foreign Prince to invade or annoy him or his Countries, or to discharge any of his Subjects of their Allegiance and obedience to His **Majesty**; or to give License or leave to any of them, to bear Arms, raise Tumults, or to offer any violence or hurt to his **Majesties** Royal Person, State, or Government, or to any of His **Majesties** Subjects

jects within His **Majesties** Dominions. Also I do swear from my heart, that notwithstanding any Declaration or Sentence of Excommunication or Deprivation made or granted, or to be made or granted, by the Pope or his Successors, or by any Authority derived, or pretended to be derived from him or his See. against the said **King** his Heirs or Successors, or any absolution of the said Subjects from their Obedience, I will bear faith and true Allegiance to his **Majesty** his Heirs and Successors, and him and them will defend to the uttermost of my power, against all Conspiracies and Contempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his or their Persons, their Crown and Dignity, by reason or colour of any such Sentence or Declaration, or otherwise; and will do my best endeavour to disclose and make known unto his **Majesty** his Heirs and Successors, all Treasons and treacherous Conspiracies, which I shall know or hear of, to be against him or them. And I do further swear, That I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure, as impious and heretical, his damnable Doctrine and Position, that Princes which be Excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever; And I do beleive, and in conscience am resolved, that neither the Pope nor any person whatsoever hath power to absolve me of this Oath, or any part thereof, which I acknowledge by good and full Authority to be lawfully administred unto me; and do re-

nounce all Pardons, and Dispensations to the contrary, and all those things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledg, and swear according to these expresse words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common sence and understanding of the same words, without any equivocation, or mental evasion, or secret reservation whatsoever; And I do make this Recognition and acknowledgement heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true faith of a Christian. So help me God, &c.

The Oath of Supremacy.

I A. B. Do utterly testifie and declare in my conscience, that the **Kings** Highness is the only Supream Governour of this Realm, and of all other his Highness Dominions, and Countries, as well in all Spiritual and Ecclesiastical things or causes as Temporal; And that no Foraign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate hath, or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preeminence, or Authority Ecclesiastical, or Spiritual within this Realm; And therefore I do utterly renounce and forsake all Foraign Jurisdications, Powers, Superiorities, and Authorities, and do promise that from henceforth I shall bear Faith and true Allegiance to the **Kings** Highness, his Heirs, and lawful Successors, and to my power shall assist, and defend all Jurisdications, Priviledges, Preeminencies, and Authorities granted, or belonging to the **Kings** Highness;

Highness, his Heirs, and Successors, or united and annexed to the Imperial Crown of this Realm.

The Oath of Franck Pledge within the City of London.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lord, the **King** of *England*, and to his Heirs, **Kings**, and the **Kings** Peace ye shall keep, and see that it be kept; And to all the **Ministers** of the City ye shall be obedient, and at all times ye shall be ready to help the Officers of the City in doing of their Offices for arresting of Mis-doers, in keeping of the **Kings** Peace, and for to follow them from Street to Street, and Ward to Ward, unto the time they be Arrested, and brought to one of the Counters; and if ye know any Congregation, or Conventicles of any mis-doers within the Ward, ye shall do the Alderman to weet thereof; and all other points within the Wardmoot ye shall well and truly keep. So help ye God, and by this Book.

The Oath of the Scavengers of the Ward.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and diligently over-see that the Pavements in
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every Ward be well and rightfully repaired, and not hausted to the noyance of the Neighbours, and that the Wayes, Streets, and Lanes be kept clean from Dung and other Filth for the honesty of this City, and that all the Chimnies, Redosses, and Furnaces be made of Stone for defence of Fire; and if ye know any such ye shall shew it to the Alderman, that he may make due redresse thereof; and this ye shall not leave. So help you Gods &c.

The Oath for Brokers in London.

YE shall swear, That ye shall neither buy nor sell, nor any other for you, any manner of Merchandize by fraud or collusion to your own proper use within the Franchises of this City, nor without; And that ye neither make, nor do to be made any manner Bargain between Forraigner and Forraigner, or Forraigner and Stranger within the Franchises of this City, nor without, upon pain of forfeiture of one hundred pounds to the Chamber of *London*, and losing of your Office for ever; Also that ye buy no manner of Merchandize of any person within the Franchises of this City nor without to no persons use; That ye bring the Seller and the Buyer together, making a rightful Bargain between them if you be required; and that ye shall neither suffer, nor counsel

counsel any other person to use Brokeage within the said City, or the Franchises of the same, but if he be admitted and sworn and hath found sufficient Surety to do well and truly, and keep and observe all these Articles and Ordinances: and if ye know any person so doing ye shall open it to the Mayor and Aldermen, and else ye shall be deprived of your Office for ever.

Also ye shall be in no Livery with any Person nor Host, any manner of Stranger, or Alien, upon pain of losing of your Office for ever; Also ye shall do all your Bargaines that ye shall make between any manner of persons to be written in a Book, and that ye shall have the same Book ready before the Mayor, and Aldermen for the time being, at all times when he by them shall be required to testifie the Bargains aforesaid; Also that ye shall not be dwelling, harboured, nor lodged with any Merchant Stranger within the City of *London*, or Liberty thereof.

Also ye shall make no manner Bargain of Usury, nor exchange of Usury, nor any other false Chevifance nor untrue Bargain, nor Contract, nor meddle, nor consent to the same in any wise no such Bargain, favour, nor counsel, or hide, but them disclose to the Mayor and Aldermen of the same City for the time being, and this you shall not leave. So God you help.

**The Oath of the Sheriff of Londons
Serjeant.**

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the Sheriff of *London* in your Office of Serjeantship, and the Franchises of *London*; Ye shall swear and maintain to your power, and all manner persons that ye shall Arrest by Plaint, Writ, or by Fray, or by any other lawful cause, ye shall bring them unto the Counter if ye be of power; Also ye shall warn no person to agree with the Creditors of their Debts, but that a Plaint of such Debts be lawfully made; Also ye shall warn no person on Whom a Plaint or a Writ is on in the Counter, and ye shall well and truly enter such Plaints as ye shall have of your Clients or any other person; Also all manner of Mercements and Fines that ye shall receive, ye shall well and truly bring them to the Counter, and there to deliver them to the Sheriff, or to his Deputy; Also ye shall not tarry, or delay none occasion, nor make none untrue Process; That ye shall by vertue of your Office, fraud, or hate, or promise for your singular availe: Also ye shall be no Lone day maker, nor maintainer of none occasion; Also in all manner of Plaints that ye shall return good and honest persons, and true, and not suspicious, not procured by you, nor by your assent; Also you shall counsel nothing whereby
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the Sheriffes, or any of their Courts or Officers may be hurt in their availes ; Also the commons of the City peaceably and gently ye shall intreat, and also to all other persons that have his Patents of exemptions of any Office, or other Charges within the City of the ~~Kings~~ grant ye shall do, summon them like as ye do other Free-men of Inquests ; Also ye shall take no Yeoman into your Governance whilest he be Officer with the said Sheriff, unto the time that ye shew the said Yeoman unto the said Sheriff, and by him so to be accepted ; and also ye shall not do away the said Yeoman in that being without a lawful cause, certifying, and knowing to the Sheriff ; And if that Yeoman be from you so voided, ye shall take away the Livery of the Sheriff, except, and in all other things your Office you shall well and truly keep and bear you. So help you God, and by this Book,

The Oath of a Constable in London.

YE shall swear, That ye shall keep the peace of our Sovereign Lord the ~~King~~ well, and lawfully after your power ; Also ye shall Arrest all them that make any Riot, Debate, or Affray in breaking of the said Peace, and ye shall bring them to one of the Sheriffes Houses, or to the Counters of the said Sheriffe, and if ye be withstood by strength of any such misdoers,

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doers, ye shall ever rear up Hue and Cry, and ye shall follow them from Street to Street, and from Ward to Ward till ye may Arrest them.

Also ye shall search at all times when ye shall be required by Scavengers, or Beadle, for the common noyance of the Ward.

Also if there be any thing done within the Ward contrary to the Ordinance to the City.

Also such faults as ye find ye shall present them to the Mayor, and to the Ministers of the City; and if you be withstood with person or persons, that ye may not do your Office ye shall present them to the Mayor, and to the Common-Council of the City, with the names of them that so trouble you. And this ye shall not leave. So help you God, and holidome, and by this Book.

The Oath of a Beadle of the Wards in London.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and honestly keep the Ward that ye be Beadle in: And ye shall suffer no manner Ribbawdes, nor none of evil living, nor hunters of Ale, nor women holding Brothels, nor none other Noyons, other women slandered of evil name, and of evil life, dwelling within the Ward, but you shall certifie the names of them unto the Alderman, to that intent that he shall have them out within fifteen days; and if the Alderman do it not, ye shall anon after the fifteen days

days ended, do the Mayor to weete; and if any man make any fray, or draw any weapon against the ~~king's~~ Peace, ye shall do the Sheriff to weete, that they may make leavy by the Serjeants of such misdoers also; Ye shall return good and lawful men in the Hustings asfor the Sheriffes, and the Kings Crowner to the Quest, and not men suspicious, and maintainers of persons of evil name; And the Return that ye make, ye shall shew them three or four dayes before the Hustings, that ye may see the Return, whether it be sufficient or no; Also ye shall see, that no Poulter, nor no other Victualler, make no sale of Poultry, Corn, or Meal, or any other Victual, in no privy place, against the Ordinance of the Mayor, but ye shall warn the Mayor, and the Sheriffes thereof; Ye shall be none Officer in Court expedient during your Beadleship; Also ye shall brew none Ale, nor none for you, to be no Reqrater ye shall keep no Bakehouse: Also ye shall be no Reqrater of Victual, nor none hunter of Ale, nor partner with none of them: And other things to your Office belonging ye shall well and lawfully keep. So help you God, and Holidom, and by this Book.

*The Oath of the Wardmoot Inquest with-
in London.*

Ye shall swear, That ye shall be true
to our Sovereign Lord the ~~king~~ that now
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44 *Of the Chancellor of Augmentation.*

is, and to his Heirs and Successors **Kings** of England; and readily ye shall come when ye be summoned, to the Common Council of this City; but if ye be reasonably excused; and good and true Council ye shall give in all things touching the Commonwealth of this City, after your wit and cunning; And that for favour of any person ye shall maintain no singular profit against the common profit of this City; And after that ye be come to the Common Council, you shall not from thence depart until the Common Council be ended, without reasonable cause, or else by the Lord Mayors License: And also any secret things that be spoken or said in the Common Council, without to be secret, in no wise ye shall disclose; As God you help and his Saints.

The Oath of the Chancellor of the Court of Augmentation.

Ye shall swear, That ye well and truly shall serve the **King** in the Office of the Chancellorship of the Court of the Augmentations and Revenues of the **Kings** Crown; And shall minister equal Justice to rich and poor, to the best of your cunning and power; And that ye shall diligently procure all things which may honestly and justly be to the Kings advantage and profit, and to the Augmentation of the Rights and Prerogatives of his Crown, and

and truly use the Kings Seal, appointed to the Office; And also endeavour your self to see the King truly answered of such Rents, Revenues, Issues, and Profits, which shall or may arise or grow in your Office, and from time to time deliver with speed, such as shall have to do for you; And that you shall not take nor receive of any person any gift or reward in any Cause or matter depending before you, wherein the Kings Highness shall be party, whereby any prejudice, hinderance losse, or disherizon shall grow or be to the Kings Highness. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the general Surveyor of the Court of Augmentation.

Ye shall swear, That ye well and truly shall serve the King in the Office of the general Surveyor of the Court of the Augmentations and Revenues of the Kings Crown; And shall minister equal Justice to rich and poor, to the best of your power; And that ye shall diligently procure all things which may honestly and justly be to the Kings advantage and profit, and to the Augmentation of the Rights and Prerogatives of his Crown; And also endeavour your self to the uttermost of your power, to see the King truly answered of all such Rents and Revenues, Issues or Profits, which shall or may arise or grow in your Office, and from time to time deliver with

with speed, such as shall have to do before you; And that you shall not take or receive of any person any gift or reward in any cause or matter depending before you, wherein the **Kings** Highness shall be party, whereby any prejudice, hinderance losse, or dis-herizon, shall grow, or be to the **Kings** Highness. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Treasurer of the Court of Augmentations.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the **King** our Sovereign Lord and his People in the Office of Treasurer of the Court of the Augmentations according to the Orders hereafter ensuing; and ye shall reasonably and honestly procure the **Kings** profit, and do right to all manner of people poor and rich, in those things which touch your Office, and the **Kings** Treasure; ye shall truly keep and dispend, and true Declaration and Accompt make from time to time without any concealment, according to the Ordinance made for the establishment of this Court; and further shall do every thing that of right appertaineth to your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

**The Oath of the Master of the Woods
of the Court of Augmentations.**

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the **King** our Sovereign Lord, in the Office of the Master of the Woods of this Court of Augmentations, in all things touching your Office, according to the Authority given unto you by these Letters Patents, for the **Kings** most advantage; And ye shall do all and every thing and things which you ought to do by reason of your Office according to the form and effect of these Letters Patents. So help you God, and all Saints.

**The Oath of the Attorney, and Solicitor
of the Court of Augmentations.**

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the **King**, as his Attorney or Solicitor in all Courts, for and concerning any matter or cause that shall concern or touch the Possessions and Hereditaments limited to the Survey and Governance of this Court of the Augmentations, and procure the **Kings** profit thereof; and that ye shall truly counsel the **Kings** Chancellor, and general Surveyor of this Court, all things concerning the same, to the best of your Cunning, Wit, and Power,
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and with all speed and diligence from time to time at the calling of the said Chancellor and general Surveyor, or any of them, be diligently attendant to assist the said Chancellor and Surveyor, or any of them, with good advise and counsel, in the hearing and determination of such matters and causes as shall depend before the said Chancellor and general Surveyor of this Court; And that he shall not take any gift or reward in any matter or cause depending in the same Court or elsewhere, wherein the **king** shall be party, whereby the **king's** Majesty shall be hindered, hurted, or disherited; And further do all and every thing that shall appertain to your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

*The Oath of the Surveyor of the Woods
of the Court of Augmentations.*

Ye shall swear, That ye shall serve truly the **king** in your Office of Surveyor of the Woods within the Survey of this Court of the Augmentation; and to your cunning and power shall truly do and execute all and every thing and things which ye ought to do, by reason of your Office, according to the forms and effect of the Ordinance and Establishment of this Court. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Clerk of the Augmentations.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the **King** in your Office of Clerk of this Court of the Augmentations, and truly do and execute all and every thing and things which ye ought to do by reason of your Office, according to the form and effect of the Ordinance made upon the Erection of this Court. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Auditors of the Court of the Augmentations.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the **King** in your Office of Auditorship; and true Allegiance make to every person which shall be Accomptant before you; Ye shall not take nor receive of poor or rich any Gift or Reward in any Matter or Cause depending, or to be discussed in Court, but such that shall be your ordinary Fees; and ye shall do all and every thing and things which ye ought to do by reason of your Office, according to the form and effect of the Ordinance made and established upon the Erecting of this Court of the Augmentations. So help you God and all Saints.

The Oath of the Receiver of the Court of Augmentations.

YE shall swear, That ye shall truly serve the **King** in your Office, and nothing conceal, but true Accompt. make of all such Revenues, Rents, Sums of Mony, and other profits wherewith ye shall be lawtully charged, by reason of your Office; ye shall make no Petition nor ask any allowance, but such as shall be good, just, true, and reasonable; And ye shall do all and every thing and things which ye ought to do by reason of your Office, according to the form and effect of the Ordinance made and established upon the Erection of this Court of Augmentation. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of Surveyor of the Lands of the Court of Augmentations.

YE shall truly serve the **King** in your Office of Surveyor of Lands within the Survey of this Court of the Augmentations, and to your cunning, wit, and power, shall truly do and execute all and every thing and things which ye ought to do by reason of your Office, according to the form and effect of the Ordinance, and establishment of this Court. So help you God, and all Saints.

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The Oath of the Messenger of the Court
of the Augmentations.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the **King** in your Office of Messenger of this Court of the Augmentations, as well in speedy serving all and singular Process to you to be delivered, without fraud, covin, guile, or deceit, as also making true and speedy Certificate to this Court of the same; and that you well and truly do and execute all and every other thing and things which ye ought to do, by Reason of your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of Henry the third, French King, for observing of the Statutes of the Order of the Garter.

We Henry by the Grace of God **King** of France and Pologne do Swear, Vow, and Protest solemnly upon our Honour, and in the Word of a **King**, That we shall observe, keep, and maintain, the Statutes and Orders of the right Noble Order of St. George, called the Garter, so far forth as they shall not be found contrary to our Religion Catholique, Greatness, and Majesty Royal, nor to the Statutes and Ordinances of Our

two Orders of the blessed **Holy Ghost**, and of **St. Michael**. In witness whereof we have Signed this present with our own Hand, and caused the same to be sealed with our Privy Seal at *Paris* the last day of *February*, Anno 1585.

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The Oath of a Knight of the Garter, at his first admission, as it was used in the time of King, P. and Queen Mary.

You being chosen to be one of the Honourable Companions of the most Honourable Order of the Garter, shall promise, and by those holy Evangelists by you manifestly touched, swear truly and faithfully to observe and keep all the Statutes of the said Order, and every Article in the same contained, for so much as to you pertains and belongs. And further, That you shall help to defend and maintain, so much as in you lieth the Rights and Liberties of the Colledge of our Blessed Lady, and Saint **George** the Martyr, wherein the Honourable Order of the Garter shall be founded.

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The Oath Ministred to them of the Kings Chamber by the Lord Chamberlain, in the time of King H. 8.

J A. B. Swear by the holy Evangelists, That I faith and truth shall bear unto our Sovereign Lord **Henry 8. King** of *England*, and of *France*, and Lord of *Ireland*, and unto the **Queen** our Sovereign Lady his Wife, and to their Issue; and in and upon the Office of **C. D.** I shall duly and truly await and attend unto which at this time I am admitted and received; I shall not know any Treason or thing prejudicial compassed, attempted, or imagined, against our Sovereign Lord or Sovereign Lady, or their Issue, or any of them, but I shall incontinent upon the said knowledg discover it unto our Lord Chamberlain, or unto his Deputy, if he have any, or in their absence to one of their Ushers in the said Chamber; I shall not discover any secrets or things that may happen to come to mine Ears, that shall touch the **Kings** Council, or the honour of his Chamber; And I shall be obedient unto my said Lord Chamberlain, and unto his said Deputy, if he have any, and unto the said Ushers, and their Commandments diligently and faithfully observe and keep to my power; I shall eschew all manner of Riots, making of Bandies, Quarrels or Debates either within the said Chamber, or without, but I shall forbid and let all such in-

conveniencies as far forth as I may ; And also let the said Officers, or one of them, have knowledg thereof ; Also I shall not depart out of the ~~Kings~~ Court, without License appointed and had of my said Lord Chamberlain, or of his Deputy, if he have any : Which Premisses, and every of them, with all other Commandments to be given on the behalf or our said Sovereign Lord, by my said Lord Chamberlain or his said Deputy if he have any , or any of the said Ushers , I shall faithfully observe, obey, and keep to the uttermost of my power. So help me God, and his Saints.

The Oath Ministred to the Clerk of the Council to Prince Henry Son to King James.

YOU shall swear, That well and truly you shall serve the High and Mighty Prince Henry Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, and Earl of Chester, in the Office and Clerk of his Council, and matters committed to you, or treated of by his Council , to be kept secret , you shall faithfully keep ; And you shall not know nor understand, nor suffer any thing tending to the hurt or disheriting of his Highness, be decreased by any means, so far forth as ye may let it ; and if ye may not let it, ye shall make it clearly and expressly known to his Highness ; and that ye shall do, and procure
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and purchase his **Higness** profit in all that ye reasonably may as God you help. Perused and Examined by Mr. **Stevens** the Prince's Atorney.

The Oath to be ministred to any of King James his Servants in ordinary or extraordinary.

You shall swear, Faithfully and truly to serve our Sovereign Lord the **King James** of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, his Heirs and Successors; You shall serve him in the room and place of **R. R.** in ordinary: You shall know nothing that shall be prejudicial to his Person, his State, his Crown, or Dignity, but you shall with all diligence make it known to the Lord Chamberlain, Vice-Chamberlain, or some other of his **Majesties** most Honourable Privy Council; You shall be obedient to the Lord Chamberlain, Vice-Chamberlain, and Gentlemen Ushers, in all matters tending to his **Majesties** Service. So help you God, and Jesus Christ.

The Oath ordained to be ministred to the Princess Maries Council, when her household was established in the 17. year of King H. 8.

You shall be true and faithful unto the **King** our Sovereign Lord **King Henry 8.** and unto

unto his Heirs and Successors ~~Kings~~ of *England*; And ye shall be faithful and true unto my Lady ~~Princes~~ Grace; And ye shall, according to your Wit, Discretion, Knowledge, and Experience, give unto her true and faithful Counsel in all things, as shall be demanded of you by way of good advice and counsel: Ye shall also keep secret and conserve her said counsel, without disclosing of the same to any person, except he be of the same Council; And if the matter touch any of the said Council, ye shall not disclose the same unto him; ye shall not also promote nor further any matter in her said Council for any Meed, Reward, Favour, Affection, or Displeasure; And in case you shall perceive any thing to be done or attempted contrary to her Honour, Estate, Degree, or Surety, ye shall to the uttermost of your power, withstand and let the same. And generally, You shall do all manner of things that unto a good, true, and faithful Counsellor shall appertain. So help you God, and the holy Contents of this Book.

The Oath ministred to the Treasurers of War, for the Receipt and Issues of the three Subsidies, and three Fifteens, granted by Act of Parliament in the 21. year of King James.

You shall swear, That you being appointed one of the Treasurers for the receiving of the

the three Subsidies, and three Fifteens and Tenths, granted by the Temporality, shall not issue any part of those Monies which shall be paid unto your hands, or unto the hands of any other by your appointment or consent, without the special Warrants of those Persons which are by his Majesty appointed to be of his Council for the Wares, and in this Act nominated; or of five of them at the least, whereof two of them to be such as are of His Majesties Privy Council, under their Hands.

*The Oath ministred to the Council of War,
for the true employing of the three Subsidies,
and three Fifteens, granted by
Act of Parliament in the 21. year of King
James.*

You shall swear, That you being one of the Council of War chosen by His Majesty, and nominated in this Act, shall make no Warrant for any Monies to be issued, which are given by this present Act, but for some of those ends which are expressed in this Act; And that all such Warrants as shall be made by you, shall mention in them that those Monies are to be employed according to the true meaning of this Act; and to the best of your means you shall employ the same accordingly.

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**The Oath ministred to Garter King of
Armes at his Creation.**

First, ye shall swear, To honour and obey the ~~King's~~ Highness, as first and Sovereign of this most noble Order, and after him other Knights of the same Order, namely in such things as shall belong to your Office, which shall be found reasonable. And because you be taken as here to be made privy of Council, you shall swear Alwayes to be a man of silence, true and faithful in all things here to be done, and shall in no wise disclose any part thereof.

Ye shall swear also, That ye shall be faithful and diligent to fullfil, perform, and execute all things that shall be committed to your charge and credit; and diligently to enquire of all the Noble Acts of all and every the said Noble Knights of the said Order, and shall certifye the Register thereof, that he may put the same in perpetual Memory.

Moreover when any Knight of the said Order shall die, ye shall strait, upon knowledge thereof, first make the Sovereigne privy thereof, and after him the other Knights of the said Order, to be made privy thereunto.

And finally, **ye shall swear,** That ye shall truly and faithfully use and exercise this same Office. So God you help, and these blessed Evangelists.

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**The Oath of a King of Armes at the time
of his Coronation.**

YE shall swear by the Oath ye received when ye were made Herauld, and by the faith ye own to our Sovereign Lord the King, whose Armes you bear, That you shall truly keep such things as be comprized in these Articles following :

First, when the King shall command you to do any Message either to Emperour or King, Prince, or any other Estate of what condition or degree soever he be of, either within the Realm or without, you shall do it as honourable and truly as your wit, reason, and discretion shall serve you, and as greatly to the advantage of your said Sovereign and his Realm, and true report bring again to your foresaid Sovereign, of your Message that ye shall do, as neer to the charge to you committed, in word and substance as your said reason shall attain, alwayes keeping your self secret for any manner of motion, except it be to such persons as you are commanded to utter your Charge unto.

Secondly, you shall do your true endeavour, every day to be more cunning than other in the Office of Armes, so that ye may be the better furnished to teach others under you, and execute with more wisdom and eloquence, such charges as your Sovereign or any Noble man

man of this Realm shall deliver, or give unto you by vertue of the Office which his **Hignesse** will erect unto you at any time, not discovering in no wise such as ye are commanded to keep close, unless it be prejudicial unto the **King** his Sovereign Lord, and to this Realm.

Thirdly, you shall do your best endeavour to enquire of all the Noblemen and Gentlemen within your Province or Marches, which should bear Coats in the Field, in the Service of our Sovereign Lord, or Commissioners, and them with their Issues truly to Register, together with their Armes as they may truly bear, with their difference due in Armes to be given, and whether they hold any service of Knights Fee, whereby they should do the **King** Service for the defence of his Realm.

Fourthly, ye shall not be strange to teach Heraulds and Purseuants of such doubts as they shall move unto you, howbeit you shall ask the Purseuants whether he have moved it, and desired any of the Heraulds to instruct him therein; and if he say nay, ye shall limit him to one of them, or else ease him your selfe; and if you cannot, then you shall shew it to the Constable or Marshal: Also you shall keep from month to month in your Marches your Chapters to the increase of cunning in the Office of Armes, and the doubts which cannot there be resolved and answered, you shall moye to the Constable and Marshal.

Fifthly, ye shall observe and keep, to your
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cunning and power, all such Oaths as ye make when ye were created Herauld, to the honour and worship of Nobles, and great increase of learning and good living, and namely in eschewing of slanders, and dishonest places and persons reproached; and to be always readier to excuse then to blame any Noble Person unless ye be charged to speak truth by the **things** Highness, Constable, or Marshal, or any Peer Judicial; Also you shall promise, to Register all Acts of Honour in manner and form as they are done, as far forth as your power and cunning can extend. As God shall you help, and by the holy Contents of this Book.

The Oath of a Herauld at Armes, at the time of his Creation.

First, ye shall swear, to be true to the most High and Mighty **Prince** our Sovereign Lord the **King** that here is; And if ye have knowledge or any imagination of Treason, in Language or word, that moves to the derogative or hurt of his Estate or **Highness**, who God defend, you shall in that case, as honestly and as soon as shall be possible discover and shew to his **Highness**, or to his Noble and discreet Counciel, and it in no wise conceal.

Secondly, ye shall promise and swear, That ye shall be conversant and serviceable to all Gentlemen,

Gentlemen; to do their commandments, to the worship of Knighthood; and to excuse their Worship by your good Councel that God hath sent you, ever ready to offer your self unto them.

Thirdly, ye shall swear and promise, To be secret, and to keep the secret of Knights, Esquires, Ladies, and Gentlewomen, as a Confessor of Armes; and not to discover them in no wise, except it be Treason, as aforesaid.

Fourthly, ye shall promise and swear, That if it fortune you in any Land or Country to go or ride, and find any Gentleman of Name and Armes that hath lost his good in Worship of Knighthood in the Kings Service, or in any other place of Worship, and is fallen into Poverty, ye shall aid, support, and succour him in that you may, if that he ask of you goods to his sustenance, ye shall give him part of that which God hath sent you, to your power, and as ye may bear.

Fifthly, ye shall swear and promise, if ye be in any place where ye hear of any debate or evil Language, between party and party, that is not worshipful, profitable, nor virtuous, that ye report it not forth, but to their worship, and to the best.

Sixthly, if ye be in any place where you here debate or language dishonest between Gentleman and Gentleman, whereunto you are called as a Witness, or required by Princes, Judges, or any other, unless the Law do so compel you, ye shall not open without License
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of both Parties; and having Liſenſe, ye ſhall for any love, dread, or favour of any party, report the truth.

Seventhly, ye ſhall promiſe and ſwear, To be true and ſecret to all Gentlewomen, Widows, or Maids; and in caſe be that any man would do them wrong, or inforce them, or diſherit them of livelihoods, and they having not goods to purſue their Rights, if they require you of ſupportation, you ſhall help them with your goods, wiſdom, and counſel, and ſhew their griefs to the Prince and Judges.

Eightly, ye ſhall ſwear and pronounce, That ye ſhall forſake all places diſhoneſt of hazardy, and dayly going to common Taverns and places of debate, and all manner of vice, and take you to vertues to your power. Theſe Articles, and all other Articles aboveſaid, you ſhall truly keep. So God you help, and by the Croſs of this Sword, that belongeth to Knighthood.

The Oath of a Purſeuant of Armes, at his Creation.

Firſt, ye ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be true to the moſt High, Mighty, and moſt excellent Princeſs, the Queens moſt excellent Highneſs that now is; and if ye have any knowledge, or hear any imagination of Treason, of Language, or word, that ſhould ſound to the derogation or hurt of her Eſtate and Highneſs,

ness, which God forbid, ye shall in that case as hastily and as soon as is to you possible, discover and shew it unto her Highness, or to the Honourable and discreet Council.

Secondly, ye shall also dispose you to be lowly, humble, and serviceable to all those States Universal, that be Christians, not lying in wait to blame, nor hurt none of the said Estates in any thing that may touch their Honours.

Thirdly, ye may dispose to be secret and sober in your Port, and not to abuse in Language, ready to commend, and loath to blame, and diligent in your service, eschewing vice, and taking you to virtue, and true in your reports; And so to exercise whiles you be in the Office of Purservant, that your merits may cause your more preferment in the Office of Arms in the time to come; All such Articles and things as belong to a Purservant of Arms to keep, you shall well and truly keep and observe. So God you help, and Holidome, and by the Contents of this Book.

The Oath of the Knights of the Round Table, in the time of King Arthur.

Not to put off your Armour from your Body, but for requisite rest in the night.
To search for marvellous adventures, whereby to win renown.

To defend the poor and simple people in their right. Not

Not to refuse aid unto them that shall ask it in any just quarrel.

Not to hurt, offend, or play any lewd part the one with the other.

To fight for the protection, defence and welfare of his friends.

Not to purchase any goods or particular profit, but Honour and the Title of honesty.

Not to break faith promised or sworn, for any cause or occasion whatsoever.

To put forth and spend his life for the honour of God and his Country, and to chuse rather to die honestly then to live shamefully.

The Oath which the new King of Polonia made to the Turk; in Anno 1573.

I Promise and swear by the mighty God merciful, and being the maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things that are therein, by these holy Evanglists, by holy Baptisme, and by Christian faith. That all those that I know shall be manifested to high and mighty **Solomon**, Emperour of the Turks, whose Empire God certifie, I will be friend to his friends, and enemy to his enemies: I will be a redeemer of his Captives out of the hands of his Enemies, there shall be no fraud or deceit on my part. If I shall neglect thus to do, I will be an Apostata, a forsaker of the holy Commandments, of the Gospel of the Christians; I will say that the Gospel is false and untrue; I will

across both Altar and Priest; I will slay Swine upon the Fount, I will deny the holy Trinity, and will worship them; I will commit whoredom upon the Altar; and will receive the curse of the Saints even as God shall behold me from Heaven.

The Oath of Homage done and performed by an Arch-Bishop.

If your Homage, by reason of my Tenure in the Manour of **A.** in the County of **B.** become Leigeman of life and limb, and of earthly worship, and faith, and troth, I shall bear unto you, to live and die against all manner of men; as God me help, and all Saints. I shall be faithful and true, and faith and truth shall bear to you my Sovereign Lord **King D.** and to your Heirs **Kings** of *England*, of life and limb, and earthly worship, for to live and die against all people; and diligently I shall intend unto your needs and business, after my wit and power; and your Counsel I shall keep and lein, and truly I shall knowledg; And the servicedue of the Temporalities of my Arch-Bishop-pwrick **B.C.** the which I claim to hold of you, and the which ye gave and yeild to me; And to you and your Commandments, in that to me appertaineth and belongeth, I shall be obey-sant. As God me help, and all Saints.

The Oath Appointed by Queen Elizabeth
in June 1579. to be ministred by the
Lord President of Wales unto the Council
established in those parts, &c.

You shall swear, That to the uttermost of
your power, wit, and cunning, you shall
be true and faithful to the **Queens** Highness
our Sovereign Lady, and to her Heirs and
Successors; And that you do utterly testifie and
declare in your conscience, that the **Queens**
Highness is the only Supreme Governour of this
Realm of *England*, and of all other her **Hign-**
ness Dominions and Countries, as well in all
Spiritual or Ecclesiastical things or causes, as
Temporal; And that no Prince, Person, Pre-
late, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to
have any Jurisdiction, power, Supremacy, Pre-
eminence, or Authority: And do promise,
That from henceforth you shall bear faith and
true Allegiance to the **Queens** Highness her
lawful Heirs and Successors, and to your pow-
er shall assist and defend all Jurisdctions,
Priviledges, Preeminencies, and Authorities,
granted or belonging to the **Queens** High-
ness, her Heirs and Successors, or united and
annexed to the Imperial Crown of this King-
dom and Realm.

You shall not know, nor have any thing that
may any way be prejudicial to her **Hignness**
or to her Common-wealth, peace and quiet of

this her **Hignness** Realm, but you shall with all diligence reveal and disclose the same to her **Hignness**, or to such other person or persons of her Graces Privy Counsel as you shall think meet, and will soonest convey it, and bring it to her **Hignness** knowledge.

You shall serve her **Majestie** truly and faithfully in the room and place of her **Hignness** Counsel; You shall in all things to be moved, treated, and debated in any Counsel, faithfully and truly declare your mind and opinion, according to your heart and conscience; in no wise forbearing so to do, for any manner respect of favour, meed, dread, displeasure, or corruption.

You shall faithfully and uprightly, to the best of your power cause Justice to be duly and indifferently ministred to the **Queens Majesties** Subjects, that shall have cause to sue for the same, according to the equity and the Order of the Law.

Finally, You shall be vigilant, diligent, and circumspect in all your doings and proceedings, touching the **Queens Majestie** and all her Affaires.

All which points and Articles before expressed, with all other Articles signed with the **Queens Majesties** own hand, and delivered to me the Lord President of her **Hignness** Counsel established in those parts, you shall faithfully observe, keep, and fulfil, to the uttermost of your power, wit, will, and cunning, So help you God, and the Contents of this Book.

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The Oath that a Gentleman Usher doth give to any that is sworn the Kings Servant in the time of H. 8.

First, you shall swear upon the Holy Evangelists, That you faith and truth shall bear unto our most gracious and most dread Sovereign Lord, and unto his Issue **Kings** of England.

Ye shall be here sworn in and unto the room of a Gentleman Usher, or &c. whereunto at this present time by the **Kings** Highness Commandment you are admitted and received, you shall from henceforth truly and diligently attend and wait.

Ye shall not know or conceal any thing prejudicial compassed, attempted; or imagined, against our said most gracious and most dread Sovereign Lord the **King** or his Issue, or any of them; but you shall incontinently upon the said knowledg discover the same unto my Lord great Chamberlain, or else to Master Vice-Chamberlain, and in their absence, to one of the Ushers of the **Kings** Chamber.

Ye shall not discover any secrets or other things that may touch the **Kings** most Honourable Council, or to the Honour of his Chamber.

Ye shall be obedient unto the Lord Great Chamberlain, Mr. Vice-Chamberlain, and unto

to the Ushers of the said Chamber, and to their Commandments fully, and keep to the uttermost of your power.

Ye shall eschew all manner of Riots, Routs, unlawful Assemblies, and making of Bands, Quarrels, Debates, Strifes, Controversies, either within the **kings** Chamber, or without; and ye shall forbid and let the same, to the uttermost of your power; and ye shall let the said Officers or one of them have knowledge thereof without any further delay.

Ye shall not wear neither Livery, Cognizance, nor Badge of no mans, be retained of no man, but only to the **kings** Majesty; nor ye shall not retain contrary to the Statute.

Ye shall not depart out of the **kings** Court, without License had and obtained of my Lord Great Chamberlain, or else of Master Vice-Chamberlain, or his Deputy in his absence.

All the which Premisses, and every of them with all and singular other Commandements whatsoever they are, or shall happen to be given you in charge, on the behalf of our most Gracious and most Excellent Majesty by my Lord Great Chamberlain, Master Vice-Chamberlain, or any of the said Ushers; Ye shall on your behalf observe, perform, fullfil and keep, to the uttermost of your power. So help you God, and all his Saints, and by the Holy Contents of this Book.

The Oath ministred to the Kings Servants,
as well Knights and Esquires for the Body
as others, in the time of Henry 8.

Ye shall be from henceforth during your life natural, faithful and true, and faith shall bear, and faithfully and truly ye shall serve the **King** our Sovereign Lord **H. 8.** by the Grace of God **King** of *England and France,* and Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth Supream Head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs of his Body begotten, against all Men that may live or die, of what Estate, Degree, or Condition soever they be.

Ye shall nothing do or attempt that in any manner of wise may be hurtful or prejudicial to our said Sovereign Lord, or to his Heirs; And if it shall happen at any time hereafter, any thing to come to your knowledge, that in any manner of ways be hurtful or prejudicial to our said Sovereign Lord, or to his Heirs, or that may touch the surety or honour of their persons, ye shall not only let it to the best of your power, but also in all haste possible shall shew it to our Sovereign Lord, or to some of his Council attending upon his person, so that the same may come to the knowledg of his Grace.

Also ye shall not be, nor stand confederate, nor Banded, nor Band your self, or yet be retained

tained in any cause or matter, to, or with, or towards any manner of person, of what estate, condition, or degree soever he be of, privily or openly; neither by Promise, Sign, Indenture, Fee, nor by any other manner of wise whatsoever it be, otherwise then the Law will suffer or permit you.

You shall also diligently serve the **Kings** Grace in the room of N. N. and not depart from the Court where his Grace for the time shall be, unless ye be licensed so to do by his Grace, or by his Lord Chamberlain, or in his absence by his Vice Chamberlain, and to be obedient in that they shall command you to do within the **Kings** House, or elsewhere touching the **Kings** service in that appertaineth to the room of N. N. well and truly keep, and observe on your behalf. So help you God and all his Saints, and by this Book.

The Oath ministred in Parliament to the Duke of Bedford, and other Lords Spiritual and Temporal, for the according of all Controversies between the Duke of Gloucester, and the Bishop of Winchester Chancellor of England, in the fourth year of H. 6.

That my Lord of Bedford, and my said Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and each of them shall as far forth as their cunning and discretion sufficiently, truly, justly, and indifferently

ently counsel, and advise the King, and also proceed and acquit himself in all the said matters and quarrels withouten, that they or any of them shall privily, or apart make, or shew himself, or be party, or parcel therein nought, being, or eschewing so to do for affection, love, meed, doubt, or dread of any person or persons, and that they shall in all wayes keep secret all that shall be conveyed by way of counsel in the matters and quarrels abovesaid in the foresaid Parliament, withouten that they or any of them shall by word, writing, or in any wise open it, or discover it to any of the said parties, or to any other person that is not of the said Counsel; but if he have especial Commandement thereto of the **King**, or of my said Lord of **Bedford**, and that each of them shall with all his might and power by by him, and by his strength, and assist by way of Counsel, or else unto the **King** to my said Lord of **Bedford**, and to the remnant of my said Lords, to put the said parties to reason, and naught suffer, that any of the said parties by them, or theirs, proceed or attempt by way of feat against the Kings Peace; nor help, assist, or comfort any of them hereto, but let him with all their might and power, and withstand him, and assist unto the King, and my said Lord of **Bedford** in keeping of the **Kings** Peace, and redressing of all such manner of proceedings by way of feat and force.

The Oath of a Bishop.

I **A. B.** Doctor in Divinity, late Bishop of **D.** and now elected Bishop of **L.** do verily testify and declare in my conscience, that your **Majesty** is the only supreme Governour of this Realm of *England*, and of all other your **Majesties** Dominions and Countries, as well in all Spiritual and Ecclesiastical, Causes, as Temporal, and that no Forreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate hath, or ought to have any Jurisdiction, power, superiority, preeminence, or authority Ecclesiastical or Temporal within this Realm; and therefore I do utterly renounce and forsake all forreign Jurisdctions, Powers, Superiorities, and Authorities, and do promise that from henceforth I shall and will bear true faith and allegiance to your **Majesty**, your lawful Heirs, and Successors, and to my power shall assist, and defend all Jurisdctions, Priviledges, Preeninences, and Authorities granted and belonging to your Highness, your Heirs, and lawful Successors, or united or annexed to the Imperial Crown of this your **Majesties** Realms; and further I acknowledge and confesse to have the said Bishop of **L.** and the Possessions there of your Highness; and after the same I do my homage presently unto your **Majesty**, to whom and to your lawful Heirs and Successors, I shall be faithful and true. So help me God, and the contents of this Book.

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The Oath of a Privy Counsellor, framed
now in the time of King James.

You shall swear, To be a true and faithful Servant unto the **Kings Majesty**, and one of his Privy Counsel; you shall not know, or understand of any manner of thing to be attempted, done or spoken against his **Majesties** Person, Honour, Crown, or dignity Royal, but you shall let and withstand the same to the uttermost of your power, and either cause it to be revealed unto his **Majesty** himself, or to such of his Privy Counsel as shall advertise his Highness of the same; you shall in all things to be moved, treated, and debated in Counsel, faithfully and truly declare your mind and opinion according to your heart and conscience, and shall keep secret all matters committed and revealed unto you, or that shall be treated of secretly in Counsel, and if any of the same Treaties or Counsels shall touch any of the Counsellors. you shall not reveal it unto him, but shall keep the same until such time as by the consent of his **Majesty**, or of the Counsel, publication shall be made thereof; You shall to your utmost bear faith and allegiance unto the **Kings Majesty**, his Heirs, and lawful Successors, and shall assist, and defend all Jurisdictions, Preeminences, and Authorities granted to his **Majesty**, and annexed to his Crown against all foreign Princes, Persons, Prelates,

lates, or Potentates, &c. by Act of Parliament or otherwise; and generally in all things you shall do as a faithful and true Servant and Subject ought to do to his Majesty. So help you God, and by the holy contents of this Book.

The Oath of the Lord Privy Seal.

YE shall as far forth as your cunning and discretion sufficeth, truly, justly, and evenly execute, and exercise the Office of Keeper of the Kings Privy Seal to you by his Highness committed, not leaving or eschewing so to do for affection, love, meed, doubt, or dread of any person or persons, and ye shall take special regard that the said Privy Seal in all places where you shall direct unto, may be in such substantial wise used and safely, that no other person without the Kings special commandment, or your assent or knowledge, shall more seal, or imprint any thing with the same, and generally ye shall observe, fullfil, and do all and every thing which to the Office of the Keeper of the Kings Privy Seal duely belongeth and appertaineth. So help you God, and by the contents of this Book.

The Oath of a Secretary of State.

You shall swear, To be a true and faithful Servant unto the Kings Majesty, as
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one of the Secretaries of his Majesties Highness Privy Counsel ; you shall not know or understand of any matter or thing to be attempted, done, or spoken against his Majesties Person, Honour, Crown, or Dignity Royal, but you shall let and withstand the same to the uttermost of your power, and either do or cause it to be revealed, either to his Majesty himself, or to his Privy Counsel ; You shall keep secret all matters revealed and committed unto you, or that shall be secretly treated of in Counsel, and if any of the said Treaties or Counsels shall touch any of the said Counsellors ; you shall not reveal the same unto him, but shall keep the same until such time as by the consent of his Majesty, or of the Counsel publication shall be made thereof ; you shall to your uttermost bear faith and allegiance unto the Kings Majesty, his Heirs, and lawful Successors and shall assist, and defend all Jurisdictions, Preeminencies, and Authorities granted to his Majesty, and annexed to his Crown against all forreign Princes, Persons, Prelates, Potentates, &c. by Act of Parliament or otherwise ; And generally in all things you shall do as a faithful and true Servant, and Subject (ought to do) to his Majesty. So help you God, and by the holy contents of this Book.

This clause above noted thus, C. C. is the same which is set down more largely in the Oath of Supremacy, in the first Act of Parliament, in the first year of **Queen Elizabeth**

Elizabeth, which Oath must be taken at the same time with this, and therefore is not needful to be here recited.

The Oath of the Lords Keeper of the Great Seal of England.

Ye shall swear, That well and truly you shall serve our Sovereign Lord the **King**, and his people in the Office of the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *England*, and ye shall do right to all manner of People, poor and rich, after the Laws and Usages of this Realm, and truly ye shall counsel the **King**, and his Council you shall leave and keep, and you shall not know, nor suffer the hurt or disheriting of the **King**, or that the rights of the Crown be decreased by any mean, as far forth as you may let it, and if you may not let it you shall make it clearly and expressly to be known unto the **King**, with your true advice and counsel, and that you shall do, and purchase the **Kings** profit in all that you reasonably may, as God you help, and by the contents of this Book.

The Oath of the Clerk of the Signet.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the **King**, and his heirs and Successors, **Kings** and **Queens** of *England*; and also you shall keep secret his Council in all things you shall be privy unto concerning the Office of the Signet, without uttering or disclosing the same to any person; and if you shall hear, or know any thing either in word or deed which shall be in any wise to the derogation or hurt of his Majesties Person and Royal Estate, you shall it let to your power as in you lieth; and as honestly as is possible, shall discover, and shew the same to his Highness, or to some of his discreet Council. So help you God, and by the holy contents of this Book,

The Oath of the Deputy of the Town of Calice, ordered by Parliament in Anno XXVII. Hen. 8.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall be faithful true unto our Sovereign Lord King **Hen-
ry 8.** by the Grace of God **King** of *England* and of *France*, defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth supream head of the Church of *England*; And if ye shall know any thing that shall be prejudicial or hurtful unto his Highness, or his Heirs, or to his Town of
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Calice, or Marches of the same; ye shall resist the same to the uttermost of your power, and in case ye cannot, ye shall without delay declare the same unto his Highness, or to such of his Council as ye think will shew it unto him, and ye shall safely keep to the use of our said Sovereign Lord, and of his Heirs, and defend to the uttermost of your power this his Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the same, as much as to you by reason of your Office belongeth; and in all things to be done that toucheth the safeguard, defence, and good Governance of the said Town, and Marches; Ye shall give as it shall need from time to time your true, faithful, and diligent Counsel to the other the **kings** Officers of the same Town and Marches, and ye shall at no time be absent from your said Office without the **kings** special license obtained in that behalf. Ye shall well and truly oversee the Marshal, and all other Officers, his, and their Ministers and Servants, and their Charge, and every one of them in his degree intreat in his Office as appertaineth, not suffering any of them to do in his said Office, or by colour thereof, any excess; extortion, bribery, or exaction; and if any of them be found, or approved in that case culpable, that without favour or delay ye proceed to the punishment of them, and every of them to the example of other; Ye shall do your devoyer at your power to the keeping of the Peace among all estates, and other persons of what degree or condition soever they be

be within the said Town dwelling, or thereunto from time to time repairing, not suffering any Congregations, Assemblies, Commotions, or Conventicles to be made within the said Town, against the said Peace, or against the good, restful, and Politique Governance of the said Town; And if any person of what degree or condition soever he, or they be within the said Town, that provoketh privily, or appartyly any such Congregation, Assembly, Commotion, Sedition or Conventicle, as be found faulty thereof, either else that taketh upon him any unlawful maintenance, to the perturbation or violation of the said Peace, or against right to oppress by might any person; Ye shall resist and let, with the advice and aid of the residue of the ~~Kings~~ Council of the said Town, and do such punishment thereunto as with reason may serve, without any exception of person, not sparing so to do for favour, love, dread, or meed of any person; And that as much as in you shall lie, to your power you shall foresee that the said Town be sufficiently Victualled from time to time, as unto the same necessarily shall appertain or belong; And ye shall oversee the Rule and Governance of the Mayor, and Aldermen of the said Town touching all manner of Victual and other things appertaining to their charge for the Common-Weal, profit, and policy of the said Town, and if any default ye find therein, ye shall minister and shew it unto them, charging

them to amend and redress it, and if they be therein negligent or froward, ye shall then by the said advice purvey such remedy by your wisdom and discretion as can be thought most expedient with reason; And if you, and the said Council cannot provide remedy in that behalf, that then ye shall disclose the same to the **kings** Highness, or to such of the **kings** Council as ye think verily will inform the **kings** Highness thereof with speed; And ye shall administer truly, rightfully, and indifferently Justice to all manner of person and persons, that shall have any cause moved or depending before you in the said Town and Marches, without having any manner of respect to any person for love, meed, dread, or favour; And ye shall in time convenient, after your said discretion, visit, and oversee the Locks and shutting of the Gates and Posterns of the said Town, and also the governance of the Watch, Tower, Wall, and Ditches of the same, and generally all other things necessary for the surety, safeguard, and defence thereof; And ye shall not appoint, nor admit any person or persons into any room within the retinue of the said Town belonging to your Admission; but if the same person or persons be born within the Realm for *England, Wales, Ireland*, the said Town of *Calice*, and the Marches of the same; and that the said person or persons be not Artificers, except he or they be a Bowyer, or Amourour, Fletcher, Cross-bow-maker, or Smith, and the same Person
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so by you named not to be admitted to any such room, nor to enjoy nor exercise the same room to the time he be viewed, examined, and enabled thereunto as well by the Treasurer and Comptroller, as by the residue of the Kings Council there then being present ; And you shall not admit, nor suffer any Alien born out of the **kings** obeylance, to take and inhabit any dwelling House within the Town of *Calice* and Marches of the same, as much as to you appertaineth, except the said person be licensed by the **kings** Letters Patents so to do under his Great Seal, any Grant, or Grants heretofore made to the contrary notwithstanding : And ye shall see surely to be kept, and safely and straightly cause to be observed as much as in you lieth all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made, or to be made by the **king** our Sovereign Lord **Henry VIII.** or by his Council Authorised for the same, for the safeguard, tuition, defence, and good orders of his Town of *Calice*, and the Marches of the same, doing due execution upon the Transgressors of any of the said Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, having no regard to the persons so transgressing for affection, meed, dread, or any other cause whatsoever ; As God you help, and the holy Evangelists.

The Oath of the Lieutenant of Guyfnes,
ordered by Parliament, Anno 27. H. 8.

YE shall swear, That ye shall be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord King Hen. 8. by the Grace of God **King** of *England*, and of *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth Supream head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs, and if you shall know any thing that shall be prejudicial or hurtful unto his Highness, or his Heirs, or his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the same, ye shall resist the same to the uttermost of your power, and in case ye cannot, ye shall without delay declare the same unto his Highness, or to such of his Council as ye think will shew it unto him; And ye shall safely keep to the use, and behoof of our said Sovereign Lord, and of his Heirs and defend to the uttermost of your power the Castle, Town, and County of *Guyfnes*, by his Highness appointed and assigned to your safe keeping, and in all things to be done that toucheth the defence, and good Governance of the Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the same; ye shall give from time to time your true, faithful, and diligent counsel and assistance to the **King's** Deputy for the time being, and other of the Council and Officers of the same Town and Marches, and ye shall be personally remaining, and be resident upon your room and Office there,

there, and at no time to be absent from the same without the **kings** special license obtained; And you shall well and truly oversee, that all the said Officers and Ministers of the said Castle and Town, and County of *Guynes*, that shall serve the **kings** Highness there under you, shall diligently do, cause, and suffer to be done, all and every thing and things that unto them shall appertain and belong concerning the sure and safe keeping of the said Castle, Town, and County, and if any of them be found, and approved to be remiss or negligent in doing his, or their duty, that then ye without any favour or delay, proceed to the correction and punishing of him or them so offending; and that ye do your duty to your power to the keeping of the Peace among all and every person and persons, of what degree or condition he or they be dwelling within the said Castle, Town, and County of *Guynes*, or thereunto from time to time repairing, not suffering any unlawful Congregations, Conventions, or Conventicles to be made within the said Castle, Town, or County of *Guynes*, against good, restful, and Politick Governance of the same, and duly to correct all and every person or persons so offending; and that as much as in you shall lie, ye shall foresee that the said Castle be furnished with Victuals, as with all other things appertaining to the safe custody of the same that to you belongeth of the duty of your said Office; And that you truly, rightfully, and indifferently administer Justice unto all and every

every Person and Persons that hereafter shall have any cause or matter moved or depending before you in the said Castle, Town, and County of *Guysnes*, without having any manner of respect to any Person or Persons, for love, dread, meed, malice, or affection; And that you from time to time as much as in you is foresee, that the **kings** Highness be not deceived, or defrauded in any of his Possessions, Rents, Revenues, and Profits which to his Highness should appertain within the said Castle, Town, and County; And ye shall not appoint, nor admit any Person or Persons within the retinue of the said Castle; but if the said Person or Persons be born within the Realm of *England, Wales, Ireland*, the said Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the same; and that the said Person be sworn to be true Leigeman unto the **king** our Sovereign Lord, and to his Heirs; And finally, ye shall observe and keep, or cause to be observed and kept as much as in you shall be, during the time that you shall be Captain there, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made, or to be made by our said Sovereign Lord, his Heirs, or Successors, or by his or their Council authorised for the same, for the safeguard, tuition, defence, and good orders of the Castle, Town, and County of *Guysnes*, doing due execution upon the Transgressors offending any of the same Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, having no regard to the person so offending, for love, favour, meed, dread, or any other cause whatsoever,

ver. So help you God, Holydome, and all Saints, and by this Book.

The Oath of the High Marshal of Calice,
ordained by Parliament in Anno 27.
Hen. 8.

YE shall swear, That ye shall be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord **King** **H.** 8. By the Grace of God **King** of *England* and *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth Supream head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs; And if ye shall know any thing that shall be prejudicial or hurtful unto his Highness, or his Heirs, or unto his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the same, ye shall resist the same to the uttermost of your power; And in case ye cannot, ye shall without delay declare the same unto his Highness, or unto such of his Council as ye think will shew it unto him; Ye shall be diligent obedient and attendant to the Deputy of the said Town, and Marches for the time being, in those things that to the service of the **Kings** sure, good, politick Government, and defence of the said Town and Marches appertaineth, and in all things to be done that toucheth the defence, safeguard, and good Government of the said Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the same, shall give as it shall need from time to time your true faithful, and diligent counsel to the Deputy for the time being, and
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to the **kings** Council, and Officers of the same Town and Marches, and them aid and assist to the uttermost of your power; and ye shall set, or do to be set the **kings** Watch, and that visit from time to time as unto your Office appertaineth, as it is ordained to be used, searched; And if ye can any better order or devise, ye shall shew it unto the Deputy, and **kings** Council of the said Town and Marches, to the intent it may be set in the surest and strictest way for the safeguard of the said Town and Marches; and that ye present not, or do to be presented, nor imprisoned, nor cause to be imprisoned, any manner of person, Watchman, or other without reasonable or just cause, and if any be imprisoned may be delivered without Fees, or Costs paying. And that ye shall duly and truly Arrest; and do to be Arrested, all and every person and persons, according to the Laws used and accustomed within the said Town, and also all and every other person or persons that ye shall know to be fugitive, taking the Fees thereunto limited and accustomed without excess; and also that you take Surety, or do to be taken of each Prisoner, as well of the Plaintiff as of the Defendant, to pursue, and answer as the Law will ordain, so that every person that commeth into the **kings** Court may have full right; and if any person by chance meddle, drawing Weapon or smiting, that ye lead, or cause to be led to Prison, there to remain according to the Laws, Customs and Ordinances of the Town. And
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that ye Present every fault Presentable, and that ought by you to be Presented by vertue of your Office, and if ye see any default, or that ye be required of any person to take any distrefs for doing or cleansing of the said Town, that ye do it duly, and truly, and cause it to be done by the Officers under you, so that no man have cause to complain thereof; And ye shall make good and true Records of all manner of things that ought to be Recorded, taking no other Fees for the same then of right and reason have been used of old time; And ye shall not hold with no Party against the other, none sustain, but ye shall be true Reverentary, and Reporter of all that which belongeth unto your Office of Marshal, and if ye hear, or weet of any Menaces or Debate between any parties that ye take, or cause to be taken of both the said Parties Sureties, to the intent that the Peace may be kept and holden for the said Town and Marches, and ye shall see surely to be kept, and straitly cause to be observed as much as in you lieth, all manner of Statutes, Laws, Ordinances made, or to be made by our Sovereign Lord King **Henry VIII.** or his Heirs, or by his Council authorised for the same, for the safeguard, tuition, defence, and good order of this Town of *Calice* and of the Marches of the same, doing due execution upon the Transgressors of any of the same Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, having no regard to the Person so Transgressing for affection, meed, dread, or any other cause whatsoever.

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The Oath of the *Lieutenant of the Castle*
of Calice, ordained by Parliament in An-
no 27. H. 8.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall be faithful
and true to our Sovereign Lord King
Hen. 8. by the Grace of God, **King** of Eng-
land, and of France, Defender of the Faith,
Lord of Ireland, and in Earth Supream head
of the Church of England, and to his Heirs, and
if ye shall know any thing that shall be prejudi-
cial or hurtful unto his Highness, or his Heirs,
or unto his Town of Calice, or Marches of the
same; Ye shall reside the same to the uttermost
of our power, and in case ye cannot, ye shall
without delay declare the same unto his High-
ness or unto such of his Council as ye shall think
will shew it unto him; Ye shall give as it
shall need from time to time your true faith-
ful, and diligent counsel to the **Kings** Depu-
ty of his Town, and Marches of Calice for the
time being, and to the **Kings** Council, and
Officers of the same Town and Marches, and
them shall aid and assist to the uttermost of
your power, in all things to be done concern-
ing safeguard, defence, and good governance
of the said Town and Marches; Ye shall safe-
ly keep true *English* to the use and behoof of our
Sovereign Lord, and of his Heirs to the ut-
termost of your power, his Castle and Fortress
of Calice, by his Highness appointed and assign-
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ed to your safe keeping; Ye shall personally remain, and be resident upon your said room, and Office there, and at no time to be absent from the same without the **kings** special license for the same obtained; And you shall well and truly oversee that all Officers, Souldiers, and Ministers of the said Castle and Fortres, that shall serve the **kings** Highness there under you, shall diligently do, cause, and suffer to be done, all and every thing and things that unto them shall appertain and belong, concerning the sure and safe keeping of the said Castle and Fortres; and if any of them be found and proved to be remiss, or negligent in doing his or their duty, or duties, that then ye without favour or delay proceed to the correction and punishment of him or them so offending; And that you do your duty to your power to the keeping of the Peace among all and every person or persons, of what condition he or they be, dwelling within the said Castle or Fortres or thereunto from time to time repairing, not suffering any unlawful Congregations, Conventions, or Conventicles to be made within the said Castle or Fortres, against good, restful, and Politick Government of the same, and duly to correct all and every person and persons offending; And that as much as in you shall lie, you shall see that the Castle and Fortres be furnished as well with Victuals and with all other things appertaining to the safe custody of the same that to you belongeth by duty of your Office,
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and that you truly, rightfully, and indifferently administer Justice to all and every person and persons that hereafter shall have any Cause or matter moved, or depending before you in the said Castle or Fortrefs, without having any manner of respect to any person or persons, for dread, meed, malice, or affection; And ye shall not appoint, nor admit any person or persons within the retinue of the said Castle or Fortrefs, but if the said person or persons be born within the Realm of *England, Wales, and Ireland*, or being *English* born within the said Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the same; and that the said person to be true Leigeman unto the **King** our Sovereign Lord, and to his Heirs. And finally, ye shall observe and keep, or cause to be observed and kept as much as in you shall be during the time ye shall be Lieutenant there, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made, and to be made by our said Sovereign Lord, his Heirs, or his Successors, or by their Council Authorized for the same, for the safeguard, tuition, defence, and good Orders of the said Castle and Fortrefs, doing due Execution upon the Transgressors so offending any of the said Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, having no regard to any person so offending for affection, meed, dread, or any other cause whatsoever. So God, &c.

The Oath of the Treasurer of Calice, as it was ordained by Parliament in the 27th. Year of Hen. 8.

You shall swear, That ye shall be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord Hen. 8. by the Grace of God, King of *England*, and of *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth, Supream head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs, and if ye shall know any thing that shall be prejudicial and hurtful unto his Highness, or his Heirs, or unto his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the same; Ye shall resist the same to the uttermost of your power, and in case ye cannot, ye shall without delay declare the same unto his Highness, or unto such of his Council as ye think will shew it unto him; Ye shall be diligent, obedient, and attendant to the Deputy of the said Town, and Marches for the time being, in those things that to the service of the King, sure and Politick Governnance, and defence of the said Town and Marches appertaineth, and in all things to be done that toucheth the safeguard and defence, and good governance of the said Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the same; Ye shall give, as it shall be need from time to time, your true, faithful, and diligent counsel to the Deputy for the time being, and to the Council, and Officers of the same Town and Marches, and them aid and assist to the uttermost

most of your power, and that to your knowledge, wit, and power, for as much as in you is during the time you shall be in your Office, you shall endeavour your self to see his Highness answered, and truly satisfied of all Rents, Revenues, Issues, Profits, and Commodities, as well casual as certain, whatsoever they be or shall be which his Highness of right ought for to have, or hereafter shall have, or be, or shall be to him belonging by any manner of mean within the said Town, County, and Marches; and that he be in no wise defrauded, or deceived thereof by your negligence or default; and that ye make no payment of none Wages to none Officer nor other Souldier, unto such time as due Muster be had, viewed, and taken, and the same comptrolled by the Comptrollers Book for the time being; And ye shall from time to time, during the time ye shall be in your Office, see all Artificers which be, or shall be in Wages under your Governance and Rule, diligently, duly, and truly exercise and occupy their Occupations, and Mysteries in the **Kings** Works, and that you shall not appoint, or admit any person or persons into the Office or room of a Spear, or other Souldier within your retinue, but if the said person or persons be born within the Realm of *England, Wales, Ireland*, the said Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the same; And that the said person be sworn to be true Leige-man unto the **King** our Sovereign Lord, and his Heirs, and be an able person to serve the **King**, for the Defence of the said Town
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and Marches; And finally you shall observe and keep, or cause to be observed and kept as much as in you shall be, during the time that you shall be in your Office, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made, or to be made by our Sovereign Lord, his Heirs and Successors, or by his or their Council authorized for the same, for the safeguard, tuition, defence, and good Orders of the said Town and Marches. So help you God, &c.

The Oath of the Lieutenant of Ruisbank,
as it was ordained by Parliament in Anno
27. of Hen. 8.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord King **Henry** the eighth, by the Grace of God, **King** of *England*, and of *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth Supream head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs; And if ye shall know any thing that shall be prejudicial or hurtful unto his Highness, or his Heirs, or unto his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the same, ye shall resist the same to the uttermost of your power, and in case ye cannot, ye shall without delay declare the same unto his Highness, or unto such of his Council as ye think will shew it unto him; Ye shall give from time to time as it shall need your true, faithful, and diligene counsel to the ~~things~~ Deputy of his Town and Marches, and them shall aid and assist to

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the uttermost of your power in things to be done concerning the safeguard, defence, and good Governance of the said Town and Marches; Ye shall safely keep true *English* to the use and behoof of our said Sovereign Lord, and of his Heirs, and defend to the uttermost of your power his Castle and Fortres of *Ruisbank*, by his Highness appointed and assigned to your said keeping; Ye shall be personally remaining and resident upon your said Office and Room there, and at no time to be absent from the same without the **Kings** special License for the same obtained; And you shall well and truly oversee that all Officers, Souldiers, and Ministers of the said Castle and Fortres, that shall serve the **Kings** Highness there under you, shall diligently do, cause, and suffer to be done, all and every thing and things that unto them shall appertain and belong, concerning the sure and safe keeping of the said Castle and Fortres, and if any of them be found, and proved to be remiss, or negligent in doing his or their duty; That then ye without Favour, or delay, proceed to the correction and punishment of him, or them so offending, and that you do your duty to your power to the keeping of the Peace among all and every person and persons, of what degree or condition ye or they be, dwelling within the said Castle or Fortres, or thereunto from time to time repairing, not suffering any unlawful Congregations, Conventions, or Conventicles to be made within the said Castle or Fortres against
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good, restful, and Politique Governancē of the same; and duly to correct all and every person and persons offending; and that as much as in you shall lie you shall see that the said Castle and Fortres be furnished as well with Victual as with all other things appertaining to the safe custody of the same that to you belongeth by duty of your said Office; and that you truly, rightfully, and indifferently administer Justice to all, and every person and persons that hereafter shall have any cause or matter, moved or depending before you in the said Castle or Fortres, without having any manner of respect to any person or persons for love, dread, meed, malice, or affection; And ye shall not admit, nor appoint any person or persons within the said Castle and Fortres, but if the said person or persons be born within the said Realms of *England, Wales, Ireland*, or being *English* born within the said Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the same; and that the said person be sworn to be true Leigeman unto the **King** our Sovereign Lord, and unto his Heirs; and finally, you shall observe and keep, or cause to be observed and kept as much as in you shall be, during the time you shall be Lieutenant there, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made, and to be made by your said Sovereign Lord, his Heirs, or his Successors, or by his or their Counsel authorised for the same, for the safeguard, tuition, defence, and good Orders of the said Castle and Fortres, doing due execution upon the

transgressors offending any of the said Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, having no regard to the person so offending, for love, favour, meed, dread, or other cause whatsoever. So help you God, &c.

The Oath of the Lieutenant of Hannues,
as it was ordained by Parliament, in Anno
27. Hen. 8.

The said Lieutenant shall take the like Oath
as is Ordained before for the Lieutenant of
Ruisbank.

The Oath of the Comptroller of Calice, as it
was ordained by Parliament in Anno 27.
Hen. 8.

You shall swear, That ye shall be faithful
and true to our Sovereign Lord Hen. 8.
by the Grace of God, King of *England*, and of
France, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*,
and in Earth, Supream head of the Church of
England, and to his Heirs, and if ye shall know
any thing that shall be prejudicial or hurtful
unto his Highness, or his Heirs, or unto his
Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the same; Ye
shall resist the same to the uttermost of your
power, and in case ye cannot, ye shall with-
out delay declare the same unto his Highness,
or unto such of his Council as ye think will
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shew it unto him; Ye shall be diligent, obedient, and attendant to the Deputy of the said Town, and Marches for the time being, in those things that to the service of the **king**, sure good Politique Governnance, and defence of the said Town and Marches appertaineth; And that you shall not be absent from your said Office without the **king**s special License obtained in that behalf, and in all things to be done that toucheth the safeguard, defence, and good governance of the said Town of *Calice* and Marches of the same, shall give as it shall need from time to time, your true, faithful, and diligent counsel for the time being, and to the **king**s Council and Officers of the same Town and Marches, and them ayd, and assist to the uttermost of your power; And you shall so much as in you is, that due Musters shall be taken at all the whole retinue, at two severall times in the year before the paying of their Wages and oftner if need shall be thought by the Deputy and the **king**s Council of the said Town to be needful; and in as much as in you is, and shall be from time to time, ye shall see that the Deputy, Souldiers, and all other Officers and Ministers whatsoever, be resident, attendant, and furnished as to them in every degree appertaineth; and such as ye shall find defective, or faulty from time to time; ye shall reform, and do therein as to your Office belongeth; ye shall also diligently and particularly oversee the Provisions made, and to be made of all and every thing and things necessary and expedient for

the **Kings** Works, Buildings, and Reparations within the said Town and Marches, and diligently see that all Artificers, and Work-men, that from time to time shall be retained in the **Kings** Wages, shall do their duties in all such things for the which they are so retained; And that you from time to time, as much as in you is, foresee that the **Kings** Highness be not deceived, nor defrauded of any of his Possessions, Rents, Revenues, Woods, Waters, Customs, Forfeitures, and other Profits, as well certain as casual, whatsoever they be, which to his Highness shall of right appertain; And that ye shall not appoint, nor admit any person or persons into the room of a Souldier within your retinue, but if the said person or persons be born within the said Realm of *England, Wales, and Ireland*, and the said Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the same, and the said person to be sworn to be true Leige-man unto the **King** our Sovereign Lord, and to his Heirs; and to be an able person to serve the **King** for defence of the said Town and Marches. And finally, ye shall observe and keep, or cause to be observed and kept, as much as in you shall be, during the time that you shall be in your Office, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made and to be made, *ut supra*.

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The Oath of the Master Porter, as it was
ordained by Parliament, in Anno. 27.
H. 8.

YE shall swear, That ye shall be faithful
and true to our Sovereign Lord **King Hen-**
ry 8. by the grace of God **King** of *England*,
and of *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of
Ireland, and in each Supream Head of the Church
of *England*, and to his Heirs; and if ye shall
know any thing that shall be prejudicial or hurt-
ful unto his **Highness** or his Heirs, or unto his
Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the same; ye
shall resist the same to the uttermost of your
power; And in case ye cannot, ye shall with-
out delay declare the same unto his **Highness**,
or unto such of his Council, as ye think will
shew it unto him; Ye shall be diligent, obedi-
ent, and attendant to the Deputy of the said
Town and Marches, for the time being, in
those things that to the service of the **Kings**
Sewer, good politique Governance and defence
of the said Town and Marches appertaineth, and
in all things to be done as toucheth the safeguard,
defence, and good governance of the said Town
of *Calice*, and Marches of the same, shall give,
as it shall need, from time to time, your true,
faithful, and diligent counsel to the Deputy,
for the time being; And to the **Kings** Coun-
cil and Officers of the same Town and Marches,
and them aid and assist to the uttermost of your
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power; Ye shall safely keep, duly and truly, the Keyes of the Gates of this Town of *Calice* at all times, as to your Office appertaineth; and if that you may hear or espy coming by Water or by Land any tidings, you shall do it to be known to the ~~kings~~ Deputy of the said Town and Marches with diligence; And ye shall not raise, nor suffer to be done or raised any new customs which might turn to prejudice or hinderance of any person. And finally, ye shall see surely to be kept, and straightly cause to be observed, as much as in you lieth, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made or to be made by our said Sovereign Lord or his Heirs and Successors, or by his Council authorized for the same, for the safeguard, tuition, defence, and good Orders of this Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the same, doing due Execution upon the Transgressors of any of the said Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, having no regard to the person so transgressing, for affection, meed, dread, or any other cause whatsoever, So God, &c.

The Oath of the Lieutenant of Newenham Bridge, as it was ordained by Parliament, in Anno 27. Hen. 8.

The said Lieutenant shall take like Oath as is Ordained before for the Lieutenant of *Raisbank*.

The Oath of the under Marshal of Calice,
as it was ordained by Parliament, in An-
no 27. Hen. 8.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall be Faithful
and true to our Sovereign Lord King
Henry VIII. By the Grace of God ~~King~~ of
England, and of *France*, Defender of the Faith,
Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth Supream head of
the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs; and
if you shall know any thing that shall be pre-
judicial or hurtful to his Highness or his Heirs,
or unto his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the
same, ye shall resist the same to the uttermost
of your power; and in case ye cannot, ye shall
without delay declare the same to his Highness,
or to such of his Counsel as ye think will
shew it unto him; Ye shall be obedient to the
~~kings~~ Deputy for the time being, in all
things to be done, that toucheth the safeguard,
defence, and good Governance of the said
Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the same; ye
shall give, as it shall need, from time to time,
your true, faithful, and diligent counsel to the
~~kings~~ Deputy for the time being, and to the
~~kings~~ Council, and Officers of the same
Town and Marches, and them aid and assist
to the uttermost of your power; Ye shall truly
set, and cause to be set the stand-Watch, night-
ly on the Walls of the said Town at the Castle
hill, and shall suffer no person or persons to
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keep and furnish the said stand-Watch, but such person or persons as shall be by you appointed, and sworn according to the Oath for the same devised; and also take sureties for his or their A-bearing in the Watch; And that ye neither present, nor do to be presented, nor imprisoned, nor cause to be imprisoned, any manner of person or Watch-man, nor other whatsoever, without reasonable and true cause; And if you find any persons in Chance-medly, drawing any weapon, or smiting, that ye do lead, or cause to be lead, him or them to Prison without any let; And that ye present, or do to be presented, every fault that belongeth to your Office to be presented duely and truly; and that ye take not, or cause to be taken, any other fees of any person or persons then of right and of reason have been used, and of old time accustomed, belonging to your Office; And also you shall not hold with no party against other nor none sustain; but ye shall be true Referender of all that belongeth to your Office of under Marshal, and ye shall nightly be in the Market-place to take the Report of the Typed-staves of the furnishing of the Watches in the East and West Houses, on the Walls, and shall certifie the same Report unto the **Kings** Deputy immediately. And all other things do that appertain to your said Office of under-Marshal, during the time you shall continue in your said Office. So help you God,
&c.

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The Oath of them that be or shall be made
of the Kings Counsel of the Town and Mar-
ches of Calice, as it was ordained by Par-
liament in Anno 27. Hen. 8.

YE shall swear, That ye shall be good,
true, and faithful unto our Sovereign
Lord King **Henry** the 8. by the Grace of God,
King of England, and of France, Defender of
the Faith, Lord of Ireland, and in Earth su-
pream head of the Church of England, and to
his Heirs, and ye shall be ready with good at-
tendance to come to the place of Council hol-
den for the **King**, where it shall be assigned and
appointed by the Deputy of his Town, and
Marches of Calice for the time being, and not
absent you therefrom without reasonable cause
of excusation, and that in all matters, causes, and
questions that by the said Counsel be, or shall
be opened moved, stirred, or asked, you shall
say and utter your good advice, and opinion,
clearly after your discretion and understanding,
shewing, and giving in conclusion your true
and faithful counsel, not letting for favour,
affection, love, affinity, hatred, wrath had, or
born to any party, or for corruptions of any
goods, or other things whatsoever it be; And
that all manner Languages, Reasons, Conclu-
sions had, moved, or uttered in the said Coun-
cil ye shall effectually keep them secretly,
and not discover them in no wise in other
form

form or manner then by the same Counsel shall be ordained, devised, and accorded; and whereas you can devise, think, or purpose any thing, form, or rule that might be evident to turn to the honour, weal, and commodity of the **King** our Sovereign Lord, or to the good governance of this Town and Marches, ye shall at all times shew, and move it to the Counsel, to the intent that it may be ordained and executed. These things abovesaid, and every of them with all their circumstances and dependances ye shall duly exercise, use, keep, and do from time to time, during your abiding in the said Counsel, with all the spirits of your good mind. So help you God, and the Holydome, and by this Book.

The Oath *given to a Knight of the Bath
at the time of his Creation.*

Great Worship be this noble Order unto you, and Almighty God give you Grace well to keep it; you shall be strong in the Faith of Holy Church, you shall releive as right requireth, Widows, Maids, and Orphans; you shall love and dread God above all things, you shall love the **King** your Sovereign Lord, and him and his right defend to your power; you shall suffer no Extortion as far forth as you may, nor sit in any place where wrongful Judgement shall be given to your knowledge; and as great honour be this noble Order unto

to you, as it was to any of your Kin or Progenitors before you, or any others,

The Oath of the Captains and Souldiers
serving the Estates of Zealand.

W^E swear and promise, To be faithful to the **Queens Majestie** of *England*, our Sovereign, and to the General united Provinces of the Low Countries, especially to the Estates of this Province of *Zealand*, to the end to keep this Town of *Flushing*, with the Forts belonging to the same for the assurance of her **Majestie**, the profit of the said Estates, and the maintenance of the true Christian Religion, as it is at this present exercised as well in *England* as in the Town and Country of *Zealand*, and to yeild all due obedience to our Governour chief, and Captains. So God us help.

The Oath and Homage made by James the
King of Scots, unto King Henry 6. in the
second year of his Reign over England.

I James Steward King of Scots, shall be true and faithful unto you Lord **Henry**, by the grace of God **King** of *England* and *France*, the noble and Superiour Lord of the **King** of *Scotland*, which I hold and claim to hold of you; and I shall bear you my faith and fidelity of life
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and limb, and worldly honour, against all men;
and faithfully I shall knowledge, and shall do
to you service due to the Kingdom of Scotland
So God help me, and these holy Evangelists.

**The Oath of a Tenant that doth Attorn
to the Lord of a Mannour.**

W You shall become true and lawful Tenant,
and true faith bear to the Lord of this
Mannor, for such Lands as you hold of the
same Lordship, and do such Customs and
Services, as of right ye ought to do, saving the
faith that you bear to any other Lands. So
help you God, and by the Contents of this
Book.

**The Oath used in a Court Baron, to swear
any to the Queens Highness.**

You shall be true Liegeman, and true faith
bear to our Sovereign Lady **Elizabeth**
Queen of England, France, and Ireland, and to
her Heirs and Successors; You shall be no
Thief, nor Thiefs Feir, but if you know of
any, you shall do the **Queens Majesties** Ju-
stices to weet of them, as soon as you can; and
you shall live by such good and true occupa-
tion as God lent you, uprightly and truly, so
far as God will give you grace. So help you
God, and by the Contents of this Book.

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The Oath that is to be given to any Jury,
before Evidence given in against a prisoner
at the Bar,

You shall true Deliverance make between
our Sovereign Lord the King, and the
Prisoner at the Bar as you shall have in charge,
according to your Evidence, as neer as God
shall give you grace. So help you God, and
by the Contents of this Book.

Or, more moderne, thus

You shall well and truly try, and true de-
liverance make between our Sovereign Lord
the King and the Prisoners at the Bar, whom
you shall have in charge according to your
Evidence. So help you God.

The Oath given to a Bayliffe, or Serjeant
that attendeth on any Jury or Inquest at
an Assize.

You shall well and truly keep this Inquest
from meat and drink, fire and candle ;
you shall not suffer any man to speak with
them, neither shall you your self speak with
them, more than to ask them, If they be agreed,
until such time as they be agreed. So help
you

you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

Or, thus

You shall well and truly keep every person sworn of this Inquest, together in some private and Convenient Room, without meat, drink, candle, or lodging, and you shall not suffer any person whatsoever, to speak to them, or any of them, neither shall you your self speak to them, until such time as they have delivered up their Verdict, unless it be to ask them whether they be agreed of their Verdict. So help you God.

The Oath for Evidence upon the Arraignment of the Prisoner at the Bar.

The Evidence that you shall give to this Inquest against the Prisoner at the Bar, shall be the truth, and the whole truth, and nothing but the truth as neer as God shall give you grace. So help you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

Or, thus

The Evidence that you and every of you shall give to this Inquest against I. S. prisoner at Bar, shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So help you God.

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The Oath *to be given to any Jury, by whom a Nisi prius is to be tried.*

You shall truly try this Suit of *Nisi prius* between party and party, according to the Evidence as shall be given you in Court, as neer as God shall give you grace. So help you God and by the Contents of this Book.

The Oath *to be given to such as are to give Evidence between party and party, at an Nisi prius.*

The Evidence that you shall give to this Inquest concerning the matter in variance, shall be the truth and the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so near as God shall give you grace. So help you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

The same Oath that your Foreman hath sworn you of your part shall well and truly keep. So help you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

The Oath *of the great Inquest,*

Ye shall truly enquire, and due presentment make of all such things as you are charged withall on the **Queens** behalf, the **Queens**
I Council,

Council, your own, and your fellows, you shall well and truly keep; And in all other things the truth present. So help you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

Or more modern, thus

YOU as Fore man of this Inquest for the body of this County of L. shall diligently enquire and true presentment make of all such matters and things as shall be given you in Charge the Kings Majesties Counsel, your fellows and your own, you shall keep Secret, you shall present no man for Envy, Hatred, or Malice, neither shall ye leave any man unpresented for love fear, favour or affection, or hope of reward, but you shall present things truly as they come to your knowledge according to the best of your understanding. So help you God.

The Oath of those that give Evidence upon Bills of Indictment.

The Evidence that you shall give to the Inquest, upon this Bill shall be the truth, and the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, And you shall not let so to do for malice, hatred, or evil will, nor for meed, dread, favour or affection. So help you God, and the holy Contents of this Book.

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The Evidence which you shall give to the grand Inquest against I. S. upon this Bill, shall be the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So help you God.

The Oath of such as are to be bailed upon suspicion for Felony or Murther.

JA. B. shall from henceforth during all my life, be true Leigeman, and true faith bear unto our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth, and to her Heirs and Successors ~~Kings~~ and ~~Queens~~ of this Realm; and shall commit no Murther, Treason, or Misprision of Treason, nor consent or agree to any such Offence, nor shall know any peril or damage to his Grace, or to the Realm, or other Dominions aforesaid, but shall reveal and disclose it with all speed unto such as have the Laws in Government; nor shall commit any Felony or Murder, or be accessory to any such Offence or Offences; but shall live a good and an obedient Subject during my life. So help me God, and the Contents of this Book.

The Oath of the Approver banished.

Hoc Audis tu Coronator quod Ego, A A. sum
 Latronius equi vel Alterius Rei, vel Homicidia
 unius per homines vel Plurimorum & fel. Dom. Re-
 gis H. & quia multa Mala, & Latricinia, Per-
 petram in hac Terra Abjura Regnum H. Regis
 Anglia, & debeo me festinare versus portum de &c.
 quem dedisse mihi, & quod non debeo devertere ab
 altu via, & si faciam volo quod si vi captus sicut la-
 tro & fel. Dom. Regis, ut quod apud &c. queram
 diligentur Transitum meum, & non expectabo ibi,
 visi fluxum, & refluxum maris unum si transitus ha-
 beri poterit, & visi Tanto Spatio abire potero, ibo
 quolibet die in mare usq; ad genua tentane transire,
 & visi hoc potero infra, 40. dies continues, mittum
 me iterum in ecclesium sicut latero & fel. Dom. Re-
 gis, sic me Deus adjuvet, secundum iudicium.

The Oath which Philip Duke of Burgo-
 ny took, accknowledging, and promising to
 obey King H. 5. as the right Inheritor of
 the Kingdom of France, after Charles the
 first Kings Death.

I Philip, Duke of Burgoyn, For me and my
 Heirs, swear and make Oath upon these holy
 Evangelists, to Henry of England, and Heir
 Apparant and Regent of France, by the Sove-
 raign Lord King Charles, that meekly and
 faithfully

faithfully I shall obey the same **King Henry**, in all things that appertain to the **King** of *France*, as to the Common-weal of the same Realm; and immediately after the death of the said **King Charles**, our Sovereign Lord, we shall be true and faithful Leigs, to the said **King Henry**, his Heirs and Successors; and furthermore, we shall not be of Council, nor give our consent to no things that may be to the prejudice of the same **King H.** his Heirs, and Successors wherein they may suffer any derogation or detriment of their bodies, of their Members, Possessions, or Honours; And if we know of any conspiracy against him, his Heirs, or Successors in all the haste to us possible, either by our Letters, or else by our Trusty Messengers to declare, that they may the better provide to eschew the perils thereof.

When the *Dukes* Oath was thus finished, as many as were present there, both of the **Kings** Council, and also of the Parliaments, Bishops, Lords, Knights, and Commons, made the same Oath to the **King**, and 23. and 24. days of the same month of May the Chancellor of *France*, and many other Lords, Bishops, Prelates and Noblemen of the Realm gave the like Oath to *King H.*

The Oath of the Chancellor of England.

YE shall swear, That well, and truly, ye shall serve our Sovereign Lord the **King** and his People, in the Office of Chancellor, and ye shall do Right to all manner of People, Poor and Rich, after the Laws and Usages of this Realm, and truly ye shall counsel the **King**, and his counsel ye shall lain and keep, and ye shall not know nor suffer the hurt nor disheriting of the **King**, nor that the Rights of the Crown, be distressed; by any means, as far forth as you may let; And if ye may not let it, ye shall make it clearly and eypressly known to the **King**, with your true advice and counsel; And that ye shall do, and purchase the **Kings** profit, in all that ye may, as God help you and the holy Evangelists.

The Oath of the Treasurer of the Exchequer

YE shall swear, That well, and truly, ye shall serve the **King** our Sovereign Lord, and his People in the Office of Treasurer, And ye shall do Right to all manner of People, Poor, and Rich, of such things as toucheth your Office; And that **Kings** Treasure truly ye shall keep and dispend; And truly ye shall counsel the **King**, and his counsel ye shall layn, and keep; and that ye shall neither know nor suffer
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the **king's** hurt, nor his dis-heriting nor that the Rights of his Crown be distressed by any means, as far forth as ye may let; And if ye may not let it, ye shall make knowledge there of clearly and expressly, to the **king**, with your true advice, and counsel: And ye shall do, and purchase the **king's** profit in all that ye may reasonably do, as God you help, and the holy Evangelists.

The Oath of the Barons of the Exchequer.

Ye shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the **king**, in the Office of Baron of his Exchequer; And that truly ye shall charge, and discharge all people that have Accompt before you; and that ye shall do Right to all manner of People, as well to Poor as to Rich. And that for Highness, nor for Riches, nor for harted, nor for the estate of a manner of person, nor any good deed, gift, nor promise of any person, the which is made to you or may be made to you, nor by crafts nor by Engines, the **king's** Right, nor none other persons ye shall disturbe, let, nor respite against the Laws of the Land, nor the **king's** Debts, ye shall put in respite where that they may goodly be leaved; And that the **king's** needs ye shall speed before all other, And that neither for gift, wages, nor good deed, ye shall lain, disturb, nor let the Profit, and the advantage of the **king**, in advantage of any other
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person, nor of your self; And that no thing ye shall take of any person, for to do wrong, or Right to delay of, for to deliver, or delay the people, the which that have to do before you; But as hastily as ye may them goodly to deliver without hurt to the **King**; And having no reward to any profit that might thereof to you be made, then ye shall make to the delivered. And that whereas ye may know any wrong or prejudice to be done to the **King**, ye shall put and do all your power and diligence, that to redress, and if ye may not do it ye shall tell it to the **King**, or to them of his Council, the which may make relation to the **King**, if ye may not come to him; And the **Kings** Counsel ye shall keep, and layn in all things; As God you help, and all his Saints.

The Oath of a Judge, endorso claus de Anno 20. Edw. 3. Par. prima.

YE shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve our Sovereign Lord, the **King** and his People in the Office of Justice; And that ye shall counsel, our Sovereign Lord the **King** in his needs; And that ye shall not give any counsel, or assent to any thing, the which might turn to hurt or dis-heriting of the **King** by any way or colour, and that ye shall not know any hurt or dis-heriting of the **King**, but that ye shall make it to him known by you or by some other person, and that ye shall do

do equal Law and Execution of Right, to all the **kings** Subjects Rich and Poor, without having regard to any person: And that ye shall not take by you, or by any other privily, ne apart any gift, or reward of Gold, or of Silver, nor of any other thing, the which might turn you to profit. But if it be meat or drink, and that of little value, of any man, that shall have any Plea or Process hanging before you, as long as before your self two Pleas and Process shall be hanging, nor after for that cause; And that ye shall take no Fees, as long as ye be Justice, nor Robe of any Person, Great or Small in any case, but of the **king** himself; And that ye shall not give any Counsel, or advice to any person great or small in any case, where the **king** is party; and in case that any persons in what estate that they be of, come before you in Sessions with force and Arms, or otherwise, against the Peace, or against the form of the Statute hereof made for, to disturb the Execution of the Common Law, or for to Menace the people, that may not do the Law; That ye shall do, Arrest their Bodies, and put them in prison; and in case they be such as ye may not Arrest, that ye shall certifie the **king** of their Names, and of their misdoing haltily, to that End that ye may thereof Ordain remedy; And that ye shall not maintain by your self, nor by none other privily nor openly, any Plea or Quarrel, hanging in the **kings** Courts, or elsewhere in the Country; And that ye shall not delay any person

person of Common Right, for the Letters of the **King**, or of any other person, nor for any other cause; And in case that any Letters come to you contrary to the Law, that ye shall nothing do for such Letters, but ye thereof shall certifye the **King**; And ye shall proceed to do the Law, the same Letters notwithstanding, and that ye shall do, and procure the Profit of the **King** and his Crown, in all things where ye them reasonable may do: And in case that ye be found in default hereafter, in any of the points aforesaid, ye shall be at the **King's** will of Bodies, Lands and of Honour, to do thereof that that shall please the **King**.

The Oath of a Justice for Works, Weights, and Measure.

YE shall swear, That in your Office of Justice, of Labors, and of Weights, and Measures, ye shall do equal Right to the Poor as to the Rich, after your cunning, Wit and Power, and after the form of Statutes thereof made, and the Issues, Fines, and Amerciaments, the which shall be made and to be made before you ye shall do truly, enter without any concealment or embezling, and truly send into the Exchequer; And that ye shall not leave for gift, nor for other cause, but that well and truly ye shall do your Office of Justice in that behalf; And also ye shall Swear, that in your Office of Justice of Peace, and Labours,

hours, and of all other Articles contained in the **King's** Commission to you directed; Ye shall do equal Right to the Poor, and to the Rich, after your cunning and power, and after the Laws and Customs of the Realm, and the Statutes thereof made, and the Issues, Fines, and Amerciaments, the which shall be made, or happen to be made, and all forfeitures the which shall fall afore you, ye shall make truly to be entred, without any concealment, imbezling; and truly them to send into the Exchequer: And ye shall not let for gift, nor for other cause, but that well and truly, ye shall do your Office of Justice on your behalf; And that ye take nothing for your Office of Justice of Peace to do, but of the **King**, and Fees accustomed; And that ye shall not make, or deliver any Warrants to the Parties, but ye shall them deliver to the Bayliffs of the County, or to other of the **King's** Officers or Ministers of the same to do Execution. As God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath of a Sheriff.

Ye shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve, the **King** in the Office of the Sheriff of *Bedford and Berks*, and do the **King's** profit in all things that belongeth to you so do by way of our Office, as far forth as ye can or may; ye shall truly keep the **King's** Rights, and all that belongeth to the Crown; ye shall
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not assent to Decrees, or Passing, or to Concealment of the **kings** Rights, or of his Franchises; And wherever ye shall have knowledge that the **kings** Rights, or the Rights of the Crown been concealed or withdrawn, be it in Lands, Rents, Franchizes, or Suits, or any other things, ye shall do your true power to make them be restored to the **king** again; And if ye may not do it, ye shall certifie the **king** or some of his Council thereof, such as ye hold for certain will say **it** to the **king**; ye shall not respite the **kings** Debts for any gift or favour, where ye may raise them without great grievance of the Debtors; Ye shall truly and righteously treat the People of your Sheriffrick, and do right as well to the Poor as Rich in all that belongeth to your Office; ye shall do no wrong to any man, for any gift or good behest, or promise of good, nor favour, nor hate; ye shall disturb no mans right; ye shall truly acquit at the Exchequer all those of whom ye shall any thing receive of the **kings** Debts; ye shall nothing take whereby the **king** may leese, or whereby that Right may be disturbed, letted, or the **kings** Debts delayed; Ye shall truly return and truly serve all the **kings** Writs, as far forth as it shall be in your cunning; Ye shall none have to be your under Sheriff, or any your Sheriffs Clerks, of the last year passed; Ye shall take no Bayliffe into your Service, but such as ye will answer for; Ye shall make each of your Bayliffs to make such Oath as ye make your self, in that that belongeth

eth to their Occupation; Ye shall receive no Writ by you or any of yours unsealed, or any sealed, under the Seal of any Justice, save of Justice of Eyre, or Justice Assigned in the same Shire where ye be Sheriff in, or other Justices having power and Authority to make any Writ unto you by the Law of the Land, or of the Justice of Newgate; you shall make your Bayliffs of the true and sufficient men in the Country: *

Also ye shall do all your pain and diligence to destroy and make to cease all manner of Heresie and Er-

** Le residue del servement que hic sequitur fuit insert depuisne temps come appert per le Regist. f. 301.*

rors, commonly called Lollardries, within your Baylywick, from time to time, to all your power, and assist and be helping to all the Ordinaries and Commissaries of Holy Church, and favour and maintain them as oft times as ye shall be required by the said Ordinaries and Commissaries; ye shall be dwelling in your proper person within your Baylywick, for the time ye shall be in the same Office; ye shall not let your Sherifffwick, or any Baywick thereof, to farm to any man; Ye shall truly set and return reasonable and due Issues of them that be within your Bayliffwick after their Estates and Honour, and make your Panels your self; And over this, in eschewing and restraint of the Manslaughters, Robberies, and other manifold grievous Offences that hath been done daily, namely by such as name themselves Souldiers, and by other Vagarants, the which
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continually increase in number, and multiply, so that the Kings true Subjects may neither ride nor go to do such things as they have to do, to their intollerable hurt and hindering; ye shall truly and effectually with all diligence possible to you, execute the Statutes, the which ye shall have knowledge of. These things all ye shall truly keep, as God you help, you and his Saints.

The Oath of the Sheriff of Oxon and Berks, Cambridge and Huntington.

You shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the King in the Office of Sheriff of Oxon and Berks, and the Kings profit, &c. *ut supra usq; ibi.* So God help you and his Saints, *Et tunc sic;* And also ye shall swear, That the Masters and the Schollers of the University of Oxon, and their servants, from injuries and violences, ye shall keep and defend by all your strength and prowre; and the Peace in the said University, as much as is in you is, ye shall do keep; And that ye shall give your counsel, and help to the Chancellor, and Schollers of the same University, for to punish the Disturbers and Breakers of the Peace there, after the Priviledges and Statutes of the said University at all times when it shall be needfull; And also ye shall put your help with all
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your strength to defend the priviledges, liberties, and customs of the said University: And that ye shall receive all such Oaths of your Under-Sheriffs, and other your said Ministers of your said County of Oxon, as soon and anon as ye shall be at the Castle, or at the Town of Oxon, in presence of any that shall be thereto deputed by the said University; to the which things, the King will that your said Ministers, be by you Arted, and compelled, As God you help and all his Saints: *Consimile sacrum fac. Vis. Cant. & Hunt.*

The Oath of an Escheator.

YEE shall swear, That ye shall serve the King well and truly in the Office of Escheator, in the Counties of *Bed.* and *Bucks.* and do the Kings profit, in all things that belongeth to you to do, by way of your Office, after your wit and power, his Rights and all that belongeth to the Crown ye shall truly keep; Ye shall not assent to Decrees, ne to concealment of the Kings Rights, ne of the Franchizes; And wheresoever ye have knowledg of the Kings Rights, or his Crown, be it in Lands, Rents, Franchizes, or Suits, be in any wile concealed, or withdrawn, ye shall do your pain and diligence to withstand it, and to make it be restored, and repaired; and if ye may not, ye shall say it unto the King, or such of his Council,

cil, the which ye shall know for certain will say it unto the **king**; Ye shall truly, and righteously Treat the people of your Bailiffwick, and do Right to every man, as well to Poor as to Rich, in that that belongeth to you to do; Ye shall do no wrong to any man, neither for promise, love, nor hate, nor no mans Right disturb; Ye shall nothing do, whereby the **king** may lose, or whereby that Right may be disturbed, letted, or delayed; Ye shall truly and right wisely return, and serve the **king**s Writs; Ye shall in your proper person make, or do to be made the extents of Lands and other Revenues, after their very value, and duly charge the Quests that be returned before you and receive the Verdicts, and return them as often as they been taken by you, and that within a month; Ye shall take no Bailiff into your service, but such as ye will answer for; Ye shall make your Bailiff to make such Oath as it belongeth to you to give him; Ye shall truly, and right wisely yield Accompts at the **king**s Exchequer, of all the Issues of your said Bailiffwick; Ye shall take your Inquests in open places, and not privy, and that by Indenture, after the effect of the Statute made thereof, As God help you, and his Saints.

The Oath of the Comptroller of the Customs.

Ye shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the **king** in the Office of Comp-

troller of the **kings** Customs and Subsidies, in the place of Customer, and truly ye shall enter all the Goods and things Customable the which shall come to the said Port, or shall pass from the same; And that ye shall no gift take for to do your Office, nor for any thing that may fall in disadvantage of the **king**, nor any Merchandize, nor any other thing Customable, ye shall not suffer to pass out of the said Port, without custom due be paid; And ye shall do the Office your self, and dwell thereupon in your proper person, without making any Substitute, or Deputy under you; And ye shall write the Rolls with your own hands, and the **kings** profit ye shall await, and do, in as much as ye may after your knowledg and power. As God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath of a Trolator.

Ye shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the **king** in the Office of Trolator, in the City of *London*, and truly ye shall weigh and poyse the Wool that shall come thither, and ye shall not suffer any Wool to pass but by certain weight and poyse, ordained so that neither more nor less be put in the weight, and poyse, but all only the certainty: And that all the Wool the which shall come, ye shall do to be weighed, and poysed out, that for gift nor favour of any person, ye shall not suffer any Wool to pass before that be entirely weighed
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and poyfed, and ye shall dwell and abide, upon your Office in your proper person, without making of any Substitute or Deputy under you, And ye shall wait and do the **Kings** profit, and Advantage all that ye may. As God you help and his Saints.

The Oath of Custom.

YE shall swear, That ye shall make continual abiding in the Port of *London*, and shall oversee the charge of Wool, Leather, and Woollfell, and all other Merchandizes, and things Customable, and the number of Sacks in the said Port, and in as much as in you is, ye shall not suffer that the **King** have hurt or loss there; and that true accompt thereof ye shall yield; and of the Issues of the said Customs, truly ye shall answer, without Fauxim or Fraud, to be done in any point, As God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath of a Justice to hear and determine.

YE shall swear, That ye well and truly shall serve the King as Justice, to hear and determine the wrongs and grievances done to the King and his People, after the form of the Commission to you and to other your fellows thereof made; And shall keep and lean the
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Kings Council and Right to your power ; Ye shall do to all People, as well to the poor as to the rich : And that ye shall take no gift of any person to do wrong, nor right to delay, and that for Highness, nor for Riches, nor for hatred, nor for the Estate of any person, nor for any good deed, gift or promise, the which is made to you of any person, or may be made to you, nor by craft or maligning Right ye shall not disturb, nor respite against Reason, and against the Laws of the Land ; but without regard of any Estate or Person truly ye shall do right to all People, after the Laws aforesaid. So God ye help, and his Saints.

The Oath of a Justice in Eyre.

YE Justice in Eyre shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the King in the Office of Justice, and shall do Right to your power, to all People, as well to poor as to rich ; and that for Highness, nor for Riches, nor for hatred, nor for the Estate of any person, nor for good deed, gift, nor promise of any person that is made to you, or may be made to you, neither by craft, nor by maligny, the right of any person ye shall not disturb nor respite, against reason, nor against the Laws of the Land ; but without having of regard of any Estate or Person, truly ye shall do Right to every person after the Laws and Customs of the

Land ; and that ye shall nothing take of any person for to do wrong , or right to delay. So God ye help, and his Saints.

The Oath of the Clerk of the Statutes.

YE shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the King in the Office of Clerk of the Statutes, in the Town of *B.* and that ye shall be dwelling and abiding upon the same Office in proper person , without making any Substitute or Deputy : And truly ye shall enter the Recognizances the which shall be made afore you, and them that keep the greater party of the Seal, ordained for such Recognizances to be taken in the said Town : And that ye shall not receive, nor take any Recognizance without the presence aforesaid, that for to do, be deputed and ordained, and that no manner of Recognizances, the which be not taken by you, and them, together as it is aforesaid ; And ye shall not enter them, nor make them to be entered, and that all manner of Recognizances so before you, and them made, ye shall write and enroll with your own Hand, As God help you, and his Saints.

The Oath of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Ye shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the **King**, in the Office of Chancellor of the Exchequer, and well and truly ye shall do all that pertaineth and belongeth to the same Office; and the **Kings** Busines and needs ye shall speed afore all others; and that no Writ of Judgment of any other Place, but of the Exchequer it self, ye shall not enseal with the Seal of the Exchequer, as long as the Chancery shall be twenty miles where the Exchequer doth abide.

The Oath of Fealty.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall be faithful and true, and faith and truth bear unto the **King** our Sovereign Lord, and to his Heirs, **Kings** of *England*, and truly ye shall do, and truly knowledg the services due of the Lands, the which ye claim to hold of him, as in the Right of your Wife, and in the which the **King** to you doth yield. As God help you, and all his Saints.

The Oath of the Steward of Gascoygne.

Y^e shall swear, That well and truly ye shall with all your Wit, and withal your power, ye shall keep the Office of the Stewardship, of the Dutchy of *Guyan*; And ye shall do right to all People, in that that to you appertaineth and belongeth; And the Towns Castles, Fortlots, and the Lands, and Tene-ments, of the **King** our Sovereign Lord in that Dutchy ye shall keep to the use of him and his Heirs; And ye shall not deliver them to any person, but to him or to his Heirs, or to the which shall bring you his Letters Patents, and his Honour, his Estate, his Rights, and his Seignory ye shall keep, and maintain to all your power; and if any thing of his Rights, in what things soever it be, be withdrawn or concealed, ye shall put to your true pain and deavour, that to repeal and retain in due and right estate; and if ye may not that do; ye shall do it to be known to the **King**. So God ye help, and his Saints.

The Oath of the Alneger.

Y^e shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the **King** and his People, in the Office of Substitute Lannyour of the **King**; And that for favour nor for hatred, ye shall not let;

let; But that ye shall meet the Clothes, the which attain and belong to your Office to meet truly, and them enseal with the Seal of your Office; and that truly ye shall answer to the **King** of the forfeitures of the Clothes, after the form contained in the Statute thereof late made; And that ye shall not tarry nor delay the people, in that that appertaineth and belongeth to your Office; And that ye shall use your said Office without Fraud, Extortion, or Outrage, to be done to the people. As God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath of the Major of the Staple, and Constable of the same Staple.

YE shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the **King** and his people in the Office of Major, of the Staple of *Westminster*, to the which ye be chosen, and truly ye shall Treat the Merchants of the same Staple, and equal Right ye shall do to all people, as well to Strangers as others after the Ordinances thereof made, and the Law Merchant. As God you help, and his Saints.

Like Oath shall make the Constable of the same Staple, of that that appertaineth to their Office.

The Oath *of the Portage of the Chancery.*

YE shall swear. That well and truly ye shall serve the **king** in the Office of Portage of the Chancery, and that ye shall be continually abiding upon the said Office, and no time ye shall absent you, without especial leave of the Chancellor, or of the Keeper of the Rolls, and that for good and just cause, and that ye shall not carry nor bear, nor suffer the Rolls to be carried or born to any place, but unto the place, to the same Ordained and Deputed; and that ye shall not shew them to any Person, but by the Commandment of the said Keeper of the Rolls, privily or openly, and that ye shall not assent that any fraud or deceit, the which may be done to the said Rolls, as by taking of Coppie, or by the sight, to have of the said Rolls privily, nor in none other manner; and of Fraud, or untruth, that ye may know to be done in the said Rolls, or any thing that appertaineth to your keeping of the said Rolls, ye shall tell to the said Keeper of the Rolls, without any concealment to do so. So God ye help, and all Saints.

The Oath of a Bishops Renuntiations of a Popes Bull.

I Renounce all the words comprized in the Popes Bull, made unto me of the Bishopprick of B. the which be contrary and prejudicial to the **King** our Sovereign Lord, and to his Crown; and of that I put my humblement in his Grace, praying to have restitution of my Temporalities of my Church of B.

The Oath of a Bishops Fidelity.

Also I shall be faithful, and true, and faith and truth shall bear the **King** our Sovereign Lord, and to his Heirs **Kings** of *England*, of Life and Limb, and of Earthly worship for to Live and Dye against all the people; And diligently, I shall be intendant unto the **Kings** Needs and Business after my wit and power, and the **Kings** Counsel I shall keep and pain, and truly I shall knowledg and do the services due of the Temporalities of my Bishopprick of B. The which I claim to hold of my said Sovereign Lord the **King**; And the which he giveth and yieldeth me, and to him and to his Commandments, in that that to me attaineth and belongeth for my Temporalities, I shall be obeyfant. As God me help, and his Saints.

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The Oath of the Kings Serjeant at Law.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the **King** and his people, as one of his Serjeants of the Law, and truly counsel the **King** in his matters, when he shall be called, and duly and truly Administer the **Kings** matters, after the course of the Law, after your cunning; ye shall take no wages, nor Fee of any man, for any matter where the **King** is party; against the **King**, ye shall as duly and hastily speed such matters, as any man shall have to do against the **King** in the Law, as ye may lawfully do, without delay or tarrying the party of his lawful Process, in that that to you belongeth; ye shall be attendant to the **Kings** matters when ye shall be called thereunto. As God help you, and his Saints.

The Homage of a Temporal Lord.

I Become your Leigman of Life and Limb, and of Earthly Worship, and faith and troth, I shall bear unto you, for to live and dye, against all manner of Folk. So God me help, and his Saints.

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The Oath of a Searcher in the Custome House.

YE shall swear, That ye shall serve the the **king** well and truly in the Office of the Searcher-ship in the Port of N. and do the **king's** profits in all things that longeth to you, to do by way of your Office, and well and truly ye shall make due search of all the Ships and Vessels, coming in or passing out of the said Port, and truly answer the **king** of all that shall belong unto him, in your said Office without Fraud or Malign, after your wit and power. As God help you, and his Saints.

The Oath of a Serjeant at Law.

YE shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the **king's** People, as one of his Serjeants at Law, And ye shall truly counsel them, that ye shall be retained with after your cunning, and ye shall not defer, tract, nor delay their causes willingly for covetousness of mony, or other thing that may turn you to profit, and ye shall give due attendance according. As God you help, and his Saints.

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The Oath of the Master of the Rolls.

Ye shall swear, That well and lawfully ye shall serve the **King** our Sovereign Lord and his People, in the Office of Clerk or Master of the Rolls, to the which ye be called; Ye shall not assent, ne procure the dis-inheritance, ne perpetual damage of the King, to your power; ne fraud ye shall do, nor cause to be made wrongfully, to any of his People; ne in any thing that toucheth the Seal; and lawfully ye conceal the things that toucheth the **King**, when ye shall be thereto required; And the Council that ye shall give touching him, ye shall not disclose; And if ye know any thing of the dis-inheritance, or damage of the **King**, or fraud to be made upon any thing that toucheth the keeping of the Seal, ye shall put your lawful power that to redress and amend; And if that ye cannot, ye shall advise the Chancellor or other, which may that amend, to your power. As God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath of the six Clerks in the Chancery.

Ye shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the **King** and his People in the Office of one of the six Clerks of Chancery whereunto ye be admitted, and well and justly order your self in the same, according to your learn-

learning, and truly counsel them that ye shall be retained with; And ye shall be diligent to further the Kings business from time to time, as need shall require; And ye shall not assent to any fraud or deceit to be had or done by you, or any by your consent, in any of the Kings Records, whereunto ye shall have recourse; but well and truly ye shall entreat the same; And ye shall not absent your self willingly, whereby the Kings business or any other shall be undone or hindered, without special License of the Master of the Rolls, or his Deputy for the time being. As God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath *to maintain the Succession of the Crown of England.*

Ye shall swear, To bear faith, truth, and obedience all only to the Kings Majesty, and to his Heirs of his body of his most dear and entirely beloved lawful Wife **Queen Ann**, begotten; And farther to the Heirs of our said Sovereign Lord, according to the limitation in the Statute made for surety of his Succession in the Crown of this Realm, mentioned and contained, and not to any other within this Realm, nor Forraign Authority or Potentate. And in case any Oath be made or hath been made by you to any person or persons, that then you to repute the same as vain, and annihilated; And that your cunning wit, and uttermost of
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your power, without guile, fraud, or other undue mean; ye shall observe, keep maintain, and defend the said Act of Succession; and all the whole effects and Contents thereof, and all other Acts and Statutes made in confirmation, or for due execution of the same, or of any thing therein contained; And this ye shall do. against all manner of persons of what Estate, Dignity, Degree, or Condition soever they be; And in no wise do or attempt, nor to your power suffer to be done or attempted, directly or indirectly, any thing or things privily or aparty, to be let, hinderance, damage or derogation thereof, or of any part of the same, by any manner of means, or for any manner of pretence. So help you God, all Saints, and the holy Evangelists.

The Oath of a Clerk of the Petty Bag.

YE shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the King and his People, as one of his Ministers and Clerks in the Office of the Petty-bag, whereunto ye be admitted; and well and truly order your self in the same, according to your learning; And ye shall be diligent to further the Kings business from time to time, as need shall require; And ye shall not assent to any fraud or deceit to be had or done by you, or any by your consent, in any of the Kings Records whereunto ye shall have recourse; but well and truly ye shall entreat the same. As God you help, and his Saints.

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The Oath of the Examiner in the Court
of Chancery.

YE shall swear, Well and truly, after your cunning and learning, to excuse and occupy the Office of one of the Examiners in the Kings Court of Chancery, whereunto you are admitted; And duly, Justly, and equally, ye shall examine their Causes that shall be committed unto you, without any favour or corruption of any person or persons to be had, otherwise than shall of right appertain concerning the same; And ye shall be attendant as well to further the Kings business as the same Causes from time to time, as need shall require; And ye shall not publish, or shew the same Depositions to any person afore publication in the Court, without the Warrant of the same Court. As God you help and his Saints.

The Oath which the Duke of Bedford and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal took in Parliament in Anno 4. H. 6. Nov. 10. for their sincere arbitrating of the variance between the Duke of Gloucester and the Bishop of Winchester, Lord Chancellor of England.

That my said Lord of Bedford and my said Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and each

each of them, shall, as far forth as his cunning, and discretion, sufficient, truly, justly, and indifferently, counsel and advise the **King**, and also proceed and acquit himself in all the said matters and Quarrels, withouten that they or any of them shall privily, or apart, make or shew himself, or be party or parcel therein, nought be leaving or schewing so to do, for affection, love, meed, or dread of any person or persons; And that ye shall in all wise keep secret all that shall be communed by way of Counsel in the Matters and Quarrels above-said in the foresaid Parliament, withouten that they or any of them shall by word, writing, or in any wise open it, or discover it to any of the said parties, or to any other person that is nought of the said Counsel, but if he have especial Commandment thereto of the King, or of my said Lord of *Bedford*; And that each of them shall with all might and power, by him and by his strength, aid and assist by way of Counsel, and tell unto the King, or to my Lord of *Bedford*, and to the remnant of my said Lords, to put the said parties, to reason; and nought suffer that any of the said parties by them or theirs, proceed or attempt by way of Feet, against the Kings Peace; nor help, assist, or comfort any of them thereto; but let them with all her might and power, and withstand them, and assist unto the King and my said Lord of *Bedford*, in keeping of the Kings Peace, and redressing of all such matter of proceeding by way of Feet and Force.

The Oath which the Duke of York, and Buckingham, the two Archbishops. 11. Bishops. 6. Earls. Two Viscounts. 18. Abbots. 2. Priors. 17. Barons, took in Parliament, unto **Hen.** 6. in Anno 33. Nov. 25. for their Allegiance unto the said King.

I Promise unto your Highness, by the Faith and truth that I owe to God and you, that I shall true and faithfully keep the Leigeman that I owe unto you most Sovereign Lord, and to put me in my devoir to do all that may be to the welfare, honour, and safeguard of your most noble Person and Royal Estate, Preeminence and Prerogative, and I shall at no time, will, or consent to that, that might in any wise sound to the hurt, or prejudice of your said most noble person, Dignity, Crown or Estate: And over that I shall with all my power resist and withstand all them, that will in any wise presume to attempt the contrary. So God me help, and his Saints.

The Oath which the Duke of York took for his Allegiance to King **Hen.** the 6. At the High Altar in St. Pauls-Church London, in presence of the said King, which is entered in the Parliament Roll, Anno 38. **Hen.** 6. Nov. 9.

I **Richard** Duke of York, confels and know, That I am, and ought to be humble Subject and Liegeman, unto you my Sovereign Lord the King, **Hen.** 6. And ought therefore to bear you faith and truth, as to my Sovereign and Leige Lord ; and so shall do all the days unto my lives end ; and shall not at any time will, nor at any thing be attempted or done against your most Royal Person : But whensoever, I shall have knowledg of any such things imagined, or purposed, I shall with all the speed and diligence possible to me, to make that your Highness shall have knowledg thereof, and ever do all that shall be possible to come to the withstanding thereof, to the uttermost of my life : I shall not in no wise any thing take upon me against your Royal obedience, that is due thereto, nor suffer any other man to do, as far forth as it shall lye in my power to let it : And also I shall come at your Commandment, whensoever I shall be called by the same, in all humble and obedient wise : But if I be letted by sickness, or impotency of my person, or by such other causes as shall be thought reasonable
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to you my Sovereign Lord, I shall never hereafter take upon me to gather any Routs, or make any Assembly of your people, without your Commandment or License, or my lawful defence; In the interpretation of which my lawful defence and declaration thereof; I shall report me at all time unto your Highness, and if the case require, unto my Peers, nor any thing attempt by way of faith against any of your Subjects, of what Estate, Degree, or Condition they be; but whensoever I shall be, or when I shall feel my self wronged or grieved, I shall sue humbly for remedy unto your Highness, as an humble and true Subject ought to have him to his Sovereign Lord; All these things abovesaid I permit truly to observe, and keep by the holy Evangelists contained in this Book that I lay my hand upon, and by the holy Cross that I here touch, and by the blessed Sacrament of our Lords body that I shall now with his mercy receive, and over this I agree me, and will, that if I at any time hereafter, as with the grace of our Lord I never shall any thing attempt by way of fact or otherwise against your Royal Estate, or obedience that ought thereto, or any thing I take upon me otherwise then is above expressed, I from that time forth be unable to all manner of worship, Estate or dignity, be it such as I now occupy, or any other that might grow unto me in any wise; And this that I have promised and sworn, proceedeth of my own desire and free volunt, and by no constraint or coercion;

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hertion; In witness of all the which things above written, I **Richard** Duke of *York* above written, Subscribe me with my own Hand, and Seal, this with my own Seal &c.

The Oath which was taken in the Parliament at Coventry unto King Henry 6. Anno 38. Nov. 26. by the two Arch Bishops, sixteen Bishops, five Earles, two Viscounts, three Dukes, (in the absence of the Duke of York) fourteen Abbots, two Pryors, and seven Barons.

I A. B. knowledge you most High and Mighty, and most Christian Prince, **King Henry 6.** to be my most redoubted Sovereign Lord, and right-wise by Succession born to Reign upon me, and all your Liege People; Whereupon I voluntarily, without coercion, promise and oblige me, by the faith and truth that I owe unto God, and by the faith, truth, and Liegeance, that I owe unto you my most redoubted Sovereign Lord, That I shall be without any variance, true, faithful, humble, and obedient Subject and Liegeman unto you my most redoubted Sovereign Lord; and that I shall be unto my lives end, at all times and places, ready and attending at your calling in my most hearty wise and manner, as any true Liegeman oweth to be unto his Sovereign Lord, putting me in my true undelayed endeavour, to do all that
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may be unto the weal and surety of your most Royal Person, of your most Noble Estate, and the very conservation, and assurance, and continuance of Your most High Authority, Preeminence, and Prerogative, To the weal, surety and preserving of the Person of the most Noble and Benign Princess *Margaret* the Queen, my Sovereign Lady, and of her most High and Noble Estate, she being your Wife; And also to the weal, surety, and Honour of the Person of the right High and Mighty Prince *Edward*, my right redoubted Lord the Prince, your first begotten Son, and of the Right High and Noble Estate of the same, and faithfully, truly, and obeyfantly, in my most humble wise and manner, honour, serve, obey, and bear mine Allegiance unto you my most redoubted Sovereign Lord during your life, which God the Father of mercy, for my most singular recomfort, preserve long in prosperity to endure; and if God of his infinite Power take you from this Transitory life, me bearing life in this world, That then I shall take and accept my said redoubted Lord the Prince, *Edward*, your said first borne Son, for my Sovereign Lord, and bear my true Faith and Liegeance unto him as my natural born Sovereign Lord, and after him, unto his Succession of his body lawfully begotten; and in default of his Succession, which God defend unto any other Succession of your Body lawfully coming; And that I shall never at any time, for any manner of occasion, colour, affinity, or cause, consent, give aid, assistance, or favour,

favour, or agree to any thing, that I may understand, or know by any means, that may be prejudicial or contrary to the premises, or any of them: But that I shall, as soon as I may have knowledge, put me in my undelayed devoyre, in most hearty and effectuous wise and manner, without colour or faintness, with my body, goods, might, power, counsel, and advertisements, to resist, withstand, and subdue all them that would in any wise presume to do contrary to the premises, or any of them. So God me help, and those holy Evangelists. In witness whereof, I set to these Presents my Seal, and my Sign Manuel.

The Oath of the Lieutenant of the Tower of London.

You shall swear, That you shall well and truly serve the ~~King's~~ Majesty in the Lieutenancy of the Tower of London, and the same Tower ye shall faithfully and safely keep to the behalf of his Majesty, his Heirs and lawful Successors; And the profit of the ~~King's~~ Majesty ye shall do and advance in all things that you, as Lieutenant of the Tower belongeth; And the Rights and Priviledges of the Tower, that to the same lawfully appertain, you shall keep and preserve; You shall hear nothing that may be hurtful to the Tower or prejudicial to his Majesty, but that with all convenient speed you shall disclose it to
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some of his Majesties Privy Council : In these and all other things that to a Lieutenant of the Tower belongeth to do, well and faithfully you shall, according to your best power and knowledge, perform, fullfil, and keep. So help you God, &c.

The Oath ministred to certain persons for the renouncing of their profession of Lollardism, in Rich. 2. his time, vide Claus, Anno. Rich. 2. Nov. 18. Dorso.

Memozandum quod primo die Decembris, Anno Regni Regis Rich. 2. Post. Conquestum 19 Willus Divet, Nichus Taylor, Nichus Poncher, & Will. Staynor, de Nottingham, in Canc. prim. Regis Personaliter Constit. Sacram. divisim presterint, sub eo qui sequitur Tenor.

I William Depnet, before you worshipful Fader Lord Arch-Bishop of York, and your Clergy, with my free will, and full advised swear to God, and all his Saints, upon the holy Gospel, That for this day forthward I shall worship Images with praying and offering unto them, in the worship of Saints, that they be made offer ; And also I shall never despise Pilgrimage, ne States of holy Church in no degree, And also I shall be Buxim to the Laws of holy Church, and to yhorn as my Arch-Bishop, and to my other Ordinaries and Curates, and

keep your Laws upon my power, and maintain them; And also I shall never more maintain, ne teachen, ne defend an Errour, Conclusions ne teachings of the Lollards, ne swich Conclusions and Teachings that men clepity Lollards Doctrine, ne shall her Books, ne swich Books, ne hem, or any suspect or defamed of Lollardy, receive or company withal wittingly, or defend in your matters; And if I know any swich, and also I shall excite and stir all tho to good Doctrine that I have hindered with my Doctrine, up my power; And also I shall stand to your Declaration which is Heresie or Errour, and do thereafter; and also with Pennance, yhe wook for, that I have done for maintaining of this false Doctrine inmyns me, I shall fulfill it, and I submit me thereto up my power; And also I shall make no other gloss of this mine Oath but as the words stand; And if it be so, that I come again, or do again this or any part thereof, I yield me here comptable as an Heretick, and to be punished by the Law as an Heretick, and to forfeit all my Goods to the ~~Kings~~ will, withouten any other process of Law; And thereto I require the Notary to make of all this, the which is my will, and instrument against me.

The Oath of Fidelity, by the Priour of
St. Johns of Jerusalem, in Dorso Claus,
Anno 14. Edw. 4. Nov. 5.

I shall be faithfull and true, and Faith, and
Truth shall bear to the **King** our Sovereign,
and to his Heirs **Kings** of England, of Life
and Limb, and of Earthly Worship for to live
and die against all people, and diligently I shall
be attendant unto the **Kings** needs and busines-
se; after my wit and power, and to him, and to
his Commandments, in that that to me attaineth
and belongeth I shall be obeyfant. As God me
help, and his Saints.

A Copy of an Oath of the Arch-Bishop of
Canterbury, and the rest of the Kings Coun-
cil sworn for performance of the Articles
Matrimonial, treated, and had between the
High and Mighty Prince Charles, Prince
of Wales, and the Highness of the Infanta
of Spain and their Commissaries on both
Parties, the 20th. July, 1625.

I George Archbishop of Canterbury, do swear
that I will Justifie and Faithfully observe,
so much as in me lyeth, all and each of the
Articles which are contained in the Treaty of
Matrimony between the most Excellent Prince
Charles,

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Charles, Prince of Wales, and the most Excellent Lady, the Lady Mary Infanta of Spain; And I do also swear, That I will neither Execute, nor cause to be Executed any Law made against any Roman Catholick, or exact any pain imposed thereby, neither by my self, nor any inferior Ministers serving under me; but in all things appertaining unto me, I will faithfully observe the orders of the Kings Majesty in this behalf made and provided.

The Oath *which King Charles took at the time of His Coronation.*

After the Sermon was done the Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury* came to the KING, and with a low voice inquire of his Majesty, saying:

SIR, Will you grant and keep, and by your Oath confirm to the People of *England*, the Laws and Customes to them granted by the Kings of *England*, Your Lawful and Religious Predecessors; And namely, The Laws Customes, and Franchizes granted to the Clergy, and to the People, (by the) glorious King Saint *Edward* your Predecessor, According, and conformable to the Laws of God, and Profession of the Gospel Established in this Kingdom, and agreeing to the Prerogatives of the Kings thereof, and to the Antient Customs of this Realm.

Response, I grant, and Promise to keep them.

Sir,

Sir, Will you keep Peace, and Agreement entirely according to your Power, both to God, the Holy Church, the Clergy, and to the People?

Respons, I will keep it.

Sir, Will you to your Power, cause Law, Justice, and Mercy, in discretion, and Truth to be Executed in all your Judgments?

Respons, I will.

Sir, Will you grant to hold and keep, the Laws and Rightful Customs, which the Commonalty of the Kingdom have; And to defend and uphold them, to the honour of God, so so much as in you lieth?

Respons, I grant, and promise so to do.

Legatur, Admonitio sequens, ab uno Episcopo, Coram Omnibus, Clara voce sic dicendo.

Domine, Rex, a vobis Pardonari Petimus unicuiq; de nobis & Ecclesiis, nobis commissis Canonicum Privilegium, & debitam Legem, atq; Justitiam, conservetis, & defensionem exhibeatis, sicut Rex in suo Regno debet unicuiq; Episcopo, & Ecclesiis, sibi commissis.

Respondet Rex.

Animo Libenti & devoto promitto vobis, & Pardo, Quia unicuique de vobis & Ecclesiis vobis Commissis Canonicum Privilegium, & debitam Legem, atq; justitiam servabo, & defensionem (quantum potueram adjuvante Domino) exhibeo sicut Rex in suo Regno unicuiq; Episcopo, Ecclesiis sibi Commissis, per rectum defendere debet.

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This being done the **King** cometh to the Altar, and laying his right hand on the Bible, saith these words:

These things which I have before promised, I shall observe and keep: So God me help, and by the contents of this Book.

The Oath which all *Popish Bishops* swear unto the Pope, under *Decretalls*; Lib. 1. Tit. 14. Cap. 4.

I *H.* Bishop, will be faithful, from this day forward, unto *St. Peter*, and to the holy Church of *Rome*, and to my Lord *Boniface* the Pope, and to his Successors elected Canonically; and I will be an help to keep and defend against all people, the Popedome, or Papal Sovereignty, and the rules of the holy Fathers. So God me help, and the holy Gospel.

The Oath of the *Treasurer of the Kings Household*, in the time of *H.* 8. as it is entered in the *Black Book of the Household*

Ye will swear, By that Book to be after your power, and cunning, and good worshipful and true Officer to the **King** our Sovereign Lord, whose high estate is here present, and diligent service to do him, as Treasurer of his honorable Household, and be knowing and consenting to any thing that might be
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against him in his Body Natural, or of his goods Temporal, but that you let it after your power, or else to give hasty knowledg thereof to himself, or to such about him that will do him Wit, or to let it or amend it ; And also such good as ye shall receive of the **King**, by the Treasurer of *England*, or other Officers for the Estate, and conservation of his Royal Household, and for the expences of it , you shall truly charge your self therewith, and true Accompt yield into the Exchecquer, full and whole by every two years end at the furthest, and no concealment make ; also to behave you truly and honesty, in making of all your payments with favorable demeaning, cherishing love between the **King** and people, and that such payments be made and used continually as the green Cloth in the Counting-House of Household ; also that ye take oftentimes views and such over sight of all manner of Victual, and stuff, comprised within your charge and parcel, in every Office, so that the utterance of it be guided to the **Kings** most worship and profit ; and that in all your Sessions and Judgments in the Counting-house, upon any mattter, cause or any thing to say, and give your doom truly, after good Conscience, right, reason, and all the Rules of this Court will require between the **King** and party, or any other party or parties, cherishing the good Officers, and punishing the evil doer, not by affection or love only, nor in anger or evil will but return truth to every party as nigh as you can.

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Item, ye shall neither ask nor consent to any allowance but as shall be rightful and due to be done, and that you demean you in charging or discharging of the expences of Household, always to the **king's** Household Worship and Profit, and in your own person, to be example to other in the Court; All such parcel of purveyance as shall be brought into the Counting-House of your time, truly purveyed and parcelled by Indentures, betwixt such Officers, and if you by good examinations and searches in the Countries, as truly ye can charge all the Purveyors, and that it be duly opposed in the Counting-House monthly for the **king**; And also that he search, the good old rule worshipful, and profitable of this Court, used before time; and them to keep, uphold, and better if you can. As God help you, and by that Book.

The Oath of the Comptroller of the Kings Household, as it is recorded the Black Book of the Household.

Ye shall swear, By that Book, to do unto the **king** our Sovereign Lord, good and true service, and diligent after your power and cunning, as Comptroller of his Honourable Household, and not to know or consent to any thing, that may be hurting to his Highness Estate, or to his body, or goods, but that ye shall that after your power, or else warn them

them in hasty time that may let it, also to comptrol the receipts and all issues, of the Treasurers Office of Houshold, and that to record in plain Accompt into the **Kings** Exchequer, of the old form of the Compting house; Also truly and justly, to help to make the prizes of all manner of Stuff, Victual, and other purveyance for this Houshold, and that you see and know it to be good and wholesome Victuals in every thing for the **King**, and his Houshold, and for the **Kings** Worship; Also that it be like worth to the Silver, that the **King** must pay therefore, or better by your wisdom and discretion; and also such Victuals of meat and drink be dampned and annulled, so that it be not expended within the Houshold, and to shew comin such matters as the green Cloth, before the Steward and Treasurer, that it may be understood, not done for malice, and then to counsel upon whom to cast the losses of such mispurveying; Also ye to be consciently assenting in, and to all due allowance to be made, or giving in the Counting house, betwixt the **King** and his people, to apply your businesses, upon the good guiding and oversight of all such manner of charges, and expenses within this Court, and without also belonging to this Houshold, also in our parties to make due search and enquiry, of and upon the conditions of purveyance, and of their purveyance inward and outward, and of all the demeaning of the Officers of the Court, that there rise no slander by their deeds, unto this
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famous Court, and that you see that the Officers under you for the **king**, put them in their diligence to take often the views of the Offices, that the allowance of the Expences, pass not their charges of receipts; ye also to make Accompt of all the Treasurer of Household charge and discharge for all receipts, purveyances and expences, and no concealments make thereof but truly to ingross it, and to put into the **king**s Exchequer; and in your Office to attend, and preserve the **king**s Worship and profit, as nigh as you can devise; and ye to search, keep, and uphold the good said Worshipful and profitable Rules and Statutes used before time in this Court, and them to increase, and that this demeaning be example to all other, under you in this Court of good governance; And also that ye or your under Clerk, or both, be at the Cowperage of Flesh, and at the departing of Fish, at the service of the **king**s Chamber and Hall, and to know the very duties of Liveries daily in Household, and to see with the Almner that the Messes thereof be smitten in a sufficient and according manner, after the old Customs, and so to see it to the **king**s Table, and to other Officers due; Also ye and your Clerk truly, as oft as it is requisite, shall take the Remanents and viewes in Offices, and surely make the Book of Wine, and all present in to the counting House, as oft as you be desired by the Steward, Cofferer, and Clerk of the Green Cloth, which must needs ingross the great Accompt of the Household by your
Record.

Record. To all which things ye will conform after your power and understanding, So help you God, and by this Book.

The Oath *that is to be administred to a Midwife by the Bishop or his Chancellor of the Diocess, when she is licensed to exercise that Office of a Mid-wife.*

You shall swear, First, That you shall be diligent and faithful, and ready to help every Woman labouring of Child, as well the Poor as the Rich; and that in time of necessity, you shall not forsake, or leave the Poor woman, to go to the Rich.

2. **Item**, Ye shall neither cause nor suffer any woman to name, or put any other Father to the Child, but only him which is the very true Father thereof indeed.

3. **Item**, You shall not suffer any Woman to pretend, feign, or surmize her self to be delivered of a Child, who is not indeed; neither to claim any other Womans Child for her own.

4. **Item**, You shall not suffer any Womans Child to be murdered, maymed, or otherwise hurt, as much as you may; and so often as you shall perceive any peril or jeopardy, either in the Woman, or in the Child, in any such wise, as you shall be in doubt what shall chance thereof you shall thenceforth in due time send for other Midwives, and expert Wo-

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men in that faculty, and use their advice and counsel in that behalf.

5. **Item**, That you shall not in any wise use or exercise any manner of Witchcraft, Charm, or Sorcery, Invocation, or other Prayers then may stand with Gods Laws and the Kings.

6. **Item**, You shall not give any counsel, or minister any Herb, Medicine, or Potion, or any other thing, to any Woman being with Child whereby she should destroy or cast out that she goeth withal before her time.

7. **Item**, You shall not enforce any Woman being with Child by any pain, or by any ungodly wayes or means, to give you any more for your pains or labour in bringing her a bed then they would otherwise do.

8. **Item**, You shall not consent, agree, give, or keep counsel, that any Woman be delivered secretly of that which she goeth with, but in the presence of two or three Lights ready.

9. **Item**, You shall be secret, and not open any matter appertaining to your Office in the presence of any man, unless necessity or great urgent cause do constrain you so to do.

10. **Item**, If any Child be dead born, you your self shall see it buried in such secret place as neither Hog, nor Dog, nor any other Beast may come unto it, and in such sort done, as it be not found nor perceived, as much as you may; And that you shall not suffer any such Child to be cast into the Jaques, or any other inconvenient place.

11. **Item**

11. **Item**, if you shall know any Midwife using or doing any thing contrary to any of the premises, or in any other wise then shall be seemly or convenient, you shall forthwith detect, open, to shew the same to me or my Chancellor for the time being.

12. **Item**, You shall use your self in honest behaviour unto the woman being lawfully admitted to the room and Office of a Midwife in all things accordingly.

13. **Item**, That you shall truly present to my self, or my Chancellor, all such women as you shall know from time to time to occupy and exercise the room of a Midwife within my foresaid Diocess and Jurisdiction of *A.* without my License and admission.

14. **Item**, You shall not make or assign any Deputy or Deputies to exercise or occupy under you in your absence the Office, or room of a Midwife, but such as you shall perfectly know to be of right honest and discreet behaviour, as also apt, able, and having sufficient knowledge and experience to exercise the said room and Office.

15. **Item**, You shall not be Privy, or consent, that any Priest, or other party, shall in your absence, or in your company, or of your knowledge or sufferance, Baptise any Child, by any Mass, Latin-Service, or Prayers, then such as are appointed by the Laws of the Church of *England*; neither shall you consent that any Child, born by any woman, who shall be delivered by you, shall be carried

away without being Baptised in the Parish by the ordinary Minister, where the said Child is born, unless it be in case of necessity, Baptised privately, according to the Book of Common Prayer: But you shall forthwith upon understanding thereof, either give knowledge to me the said Bishop, or my Chancellour for the time being. All which Articles and Charge you shall faithfully observe and keep. So help you God and by the Contents of this Book,

The Oath of a Nun, taking upon her a Monastical life.

Tigitur Primo Jurabis quod in castitate corporis te conservabis: Item tu Jurabis, quod eis Obediens Abati Sci. Augustini comtuari, qui nunc est, & Successoribus suis, qui & Tempore fuerint, in Omnibus, que Pertinent, ad jurisdictionem quam eadem Abbas Habet, super te, vel habesurum sunt Successores ejus.

Item, Tu Jurabis, quod eris Obediens & intendens Magistro, & Priorisse, hujus Loci, qui pro Tempore fuerint in his, quam tibi ex parte dicti Abbatis Injurgent, saluberitur vel imponent hæc omnia permittis Observaturam, quam diu in hac domo, soror volueris commorari, & Beneficio hujus domus gaudere, sic Deus te Adjuvet, & hæc sancta Dei Evangelia.

The Oath taken by Edw. 2. King of England, at his Coronation, Anno 1. vide Claus Nov. 10.

Sire volez vous grauntere garder, & par vostre serment, consermer an Peuple d'Engleterre les leyes, & les custumes, a eux grauntees pur les Auncien Rois d'Engleterre voz Predecessours, duotenus & deotz a dieu & noment les leys custumes, & les Franchises guntez, an Clerge, & an Peuple, Par le gloriens Roy Seint Edw. vostre Predecessour.

Respons, Jeo lees grantee, & permette.

Sir, garderez vous a dieu, & Seint Eglise, & an Clerge, & an Peuple Paes & acore, en dieu entiremt. solunt, vere Poer.

Respons, Jeo les garderai.

Sir, freez vous feare en touz vos Ingementz, mele, & droit Justice, & discretion, en Misericorde, & verite a vere Poer.

Respons, Jeo lefrai.

Sir, graunt vous, a tenir, & garder, les leys, & les custumes, droit les quieles, la comunante, de vere Royalme, Aura est in, & les defendres, & afforcerez ad honor, de dieu a vostre Poer.

Respons, Jeo les graunte, & promitte.

The Oath taken by such as are convicted for stealing the Kings Venison, and therefore ordered to abjure the Land.

M After Coroner hear you this, That I have offended our Sovereign Lord the King in his Venison, for wich cause I abjure the Realm of *England*, and hereafter I shall never return into it again, without the leave of our Sovereign Lord the King. So God me help, and those holy Saints.

The Oath of a Ranger of the Forest.

You shall truly execute the Office of a Ranger in the Panralles of *W.* upon the Borders of the Kings Forest of *Waltham*, you shall rechuse, and with your hand drive back again the wild Beasts of the Forest, as often as they shall range out of the said Forest into your Panralles; you shall truly present all unlawful Hunting, and Hunters of wild Beasts of Venire and Chase, as well within the Pancallees as within the Forest. And those and all other Offences you shall present at the Kings next Court of Attachments or Swanmoth, which shall first happen. So God you help

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The Oath of a Verderor of the Forest.

You shall truly serve our Sovereign Lord the **king** in the Office of a Verderor in the Forest of *W.* you shall, to the uttermost of your power and knowledg, do for the profit of the **king**, so far as it doth appertain unto you to do; You shall preserve and maintain the antient Right and Franchizes of the Crown; you shall not conceal from his Majesty any Right of Priviledges, nor any Offence, either in Vert or Venison, nor any other thing; You shall not withdraw nor abridg any defaults, but shall endeavour your self, you shall give knowledge thereof unto the **king**; or unto his Justice of the Forest; Ye shall deal indifferently with all the **kings** Liege People; You shall execute the Laws of the Forest, and do equal Right and Justice, as well unto the poor as unto the rich, that appertaineth unto your Office; You shall not oppress any Person by colour thereof, for any Reward, Favour, or Malice. All these things you shall to the uttermost of your power observe and keep. So help you God.

The Oath of the Regarder of the Forest.

You shall truly serve our Sovereign Lord the **King**, in the Office of a Regarder of the Forest of *Waltham*; you shall make the Regard of the same Forest, in such manner as the same hath been accustomed to be made; You shall range throughout the whole Forest, and through every Bayliwich of the same, as the Foresters there shall lead you to view the same Forest; and if the Foresters will not, or do not know how to lead you to make the regard, or range of the Forest, or that they will conceal from you any thing that is forfeited to the **King**, you your selves shall not let for any thing; but you shall see the same forfeiture and cause the same to be enrolled in your Roll; You shall enquire of all wastes, purprestures and asserts of the Forest, and also of concealment of my offence or trespass in the Forest, either in Vert or Venison, by any Officers of the same Forest. And all these things you shall to the uttermost of your power do, So help you God.

The Oath of a Forester of the Forest.

You shall truly execute the Office of a Forester or Keeper of the **Kings** wild Beasts, in the Walk called *P.* within this Forest

rest of *W.* You shall be of good behaviour your self towards his Majesties wild Beasts, and the Vert of the same Forest; You shall not conceal the offence of any other person, either in Vert or Venison that shall be done within your Charge; but as well the same offence, as also all Attachments, and Swanmothe, other you shall present at the **kings** next Court of Attachments or Swanmothe, which shall first happen to be holden for the same Forest; And you shall, to the uttermost of your power, maintain and keep the Affizes of the Forest, and in all things the **kings** Right defend, concerning the same, so long as you shall be Keeper there. So help you God, &c.

The Oath of the Inhabitants of the Forest,
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same hath been accustomed and used in
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You shall true Leigeman be unto the **kings** Majesty; You shall no hurt do unto his Beasts of his Forest, nor unto any thing that doth belong thereto, the offences of other you shall not conceal; but to the uttermost of your power, you shall them reveal unto the Officers of the Forest, or to them that may see the same redrest. All these things you shall see done. So help you God, and Holidome.

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The Oath of the *English Seminaries* of the
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I **John Copley** Collegial of the English Seminary, duly considering the great benefits which Almighty God hath bestowed upon me and that especially whereby he hath drawn me out of the Country infected with Heresie, and made me a member his true Catholick Church, and desiring not to shew my self altogether ingrate unto Gods so great mercy, I have freely decreed to consecrate, and offer up my self wholly unto his divine service, for attaining as much as in me lyeth to the end of the said Colledge; And I do promise and confirm by this mine Oath unto Almighty God, that I am, and shall be ever most ready in mind, by the assistance of his holy grace, to receive in due time Holy Orders, and to return into *England*, there to gain Souls, whensoever the Superiour of this Colledge shall think good by vertue of his Office, to command me thereto.

The Oath of a *Knight of the Bath*, as it
was Ministred at the Coronation of King
Charles, Anno, 1625.

Right dear Brother, great Worship be
 this Order unto you, And the Almighty
 God give you the praise of all Knight-hood;
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You shall love God above all things, ye shall be stedfast in the faith of Christ, and the same maintain and defend to your power; You shall love your Sovereign above all earthly creatures, and for your Sovereign, and your Sovereigns Right and dignity, live, and dye; You shall defend Maidens, Widows, and Orphans, in their Rights; You shall suffer no Extortion so far forth as you may, nor sit in place to here any wrongful Judgments given to your knowledge, And as great Honour be this Noble Order unto you, as ever it was to your Progenitors.

The Oath of Fealty taken by John Balioll
King of Scots, to the King of England,

This hear you my Lord *Edward King of England*; Sovereign Lord of the Realm of *Scotland*, that I *John de Balioll King of Scotland*, which I hold and claim to hold of you, that I shall be faithful and loyal, and owe faith and loyalty to you, I shall bear of life and member, and of earthly honour against all people; And lawfully I shall acknowledge, and do the services which I owe to you, for the Realm of *Scotland* aforesaid; So God me help, and his Holy Evangelists.

The Oath and Fealty, made by King John
to Pope Innocentius, Anno Dom. 1213.
Anno R. John. 14.

John by the Grace of God, ~~King~~ of *England, France, and Ireland*, from this hour forward shall be faithful to God, and to Saint *Peter*, and to the Church of *Rome*, and to my *L. Pope Innocentius*, and to his Successors lawfully entring; I shall not be in word nor deed, in consent, or counsel, that they should lose life, or member, or be apprehended in evil manner: Their loss, if I may know it, I shall impeach and stay, so far as I shall be able, or else so shortly as I can, I shall signifie unto them and declare to such persons the which I shall believe, will declare the same unto you; The counsel which they shall commit unto me, by themselves, their messengers, or their Letters, I shall keep secretly, and not utter to any man to their hurt, to my knowledge. The Patrimony of Saint *Peter*, and especially the Kingdom of *England*, and *Ireland*, I shall endeavour my self to defend, against all men to my power; So help me God, and these Holy Evangelists, *Amen.*

This Fealty was done on the Eve of the Ascension of our Lord, in the year *Anno, 1213.*

The Oath of a Doctor of Divinity, according to the practice of the University of Basill.

Omnatissime, Vir, Sacrarum Literarum, candidate, D. Doctissime, Hodie coram Amplissimo hoc concessit promittis atq; fidem das in conspectu Sacrosancti Adorandæ Trinitatis, cui te Hactenus Totum Addixisti, Consecrati studiis, laboribus, Vigiliis tuis, quod velis doctrinam Puram, a Prophetis Apostolis ac Patribus, Melioris Notæ Acceptam in corrupte in Scholis Ecclesiisq; docere; Dogmata Pugnancia cum dei verbo: (quantum vis λόγος τῆς σοφίας habeant) nulla vel Seminare, vel tueri per totam vitam eruditioni, ac gradui sermone, & Actionibus morum gravitatem conjungere eam, que Theologie docet, & sit a vera ἀλήθεια comoda nostræ Reipublicæ Symnasia; utilitatem, ac in Primis Ordinis Theologici salutem (quantum in te fuerit) Perpetuo promovere Indignes, Ambitioses, contentioses à dignitatis titula (quem docturatum Appellamus longe Abarcere, deniq; cum universis Fratribus sinceram Religionem profiteantibus, ταυ φιλαβελσιαν) insigne conjunctionis vinculum Colore, Alere, Æternum, Amen.

The Oath of a Sheriffe of a County, according as it was reformed by direction of the Kings Council, the 4. of Decemb. Anno, 1625.

YE shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the **king**, in the Office of the Sheriff of the County of B. and do the **kings** Profits in all that belongeth to you to do by way of your Office, as far forth as you may or can; Ye shall truly keep the **kings** and all that belongeth to the Crown; Ye shall, not assent to decrease, to lessen, ne to concealment of any of the **kings** Rights, or of his Franchizes; And whensoever ye shall have knowledge, that the **kings** Rights, or the Rights of the Crown be concealed or withdrawn, be it in Lands, Rents, Franchizes, or Suits, or any other thing; Ye shall do your true power to make them be restored to the **king** again: And if he may not do it, ye shall certifie the **king**, or some of his Council thereof, such as you know for certain will say it unto the **king** Ye shall not respite the **kings** debts for any gift or favour, where ye may raise them without great grievance of the debtor; Ye shall truly and righteously treat the people of your Sherifffwick, and do right as well to poor as to rich, in all that belongeth to your Office; Ye shall do no wrong to any man, for any gift or other behest, or promise of goods,

goods, for favour nor hate; Ye shall disturb no mans right, ye shall acquit at the *Exchequer* all those of whom ye shall any thing receive of the **king's** debts; Ye shall nothing take whereby the **king** may lose, or that right may be letten, or disturbed, or the **king's** debt delayed; Ye shall truly return, and truly serve the **king's** Writs, as far forth as it shall be in in your cunning; Ye shall not have to be your under Sheriff, any of the Sheriffes Clerks, of the last year passed; Ye shall take no Bayliffe into your service, but such as you will answer for; Ye shall make each of your Bayliffs make such Oath as you make your self, in that that belongeth to their Occupation; Ye shall receive no Writs, by you, nor any of yours unsealed, nor any Sealed under the Seal of any Justice, save of Justice in Eyre, or Justice assigned in the same Shire where you be Sheriff in, or other Justices having power or authority to make any Writs unto you, by the Law of the Land, or Justice of Newgate; You shall make your Bayliffe of the true and sufficient men in the Country; Ye shall be dwelling in your own proper person within your Bayliffewick, for the time you shall be in the same Office, except ye be otherwise Licensed by the **king**: You shall not let your Sheriffewick, nor any Bayliffewick thereof, to Farm to any man; Ye shall truly set, and return reasonable and due Juries of them, that be within your Bayliffewick, after their Estate and their Haviour, and make your Pannell

nell your self of such persons as be most meet, most sufficient, and not suspect, nor procured, as it is ordained by the Statute; And over this in eschewing and restraining of the Robberies, Man-slaughters, and other manifold grievous offences that be done dayly, namely, by such as name themselves Souldiers, and by other Vagrants, the which increase in multitude and number; So that the **kings** true Subjects may not safely ride, nor go to do such things as they have to do, to their intollerable hurt and hinderance; Ye shall truly and effectually, with all diligence possible to your power, execute the Statutes of *Winchester*, and of Vagabonds; All these things ye shall well and truly observe and keep, So help you God, &c.

*The Form of **The Oath** of Justices of the Peace.*

Ye shall swear, That as Justices of the Peace in the County of C. in all Articles, in the **kings** Commission to you directed, you shall do equal right to the Poor, and to the Rich after your cunning, wit, and power, and after the Laws and Customs of the Realm, and Statutes thereof made. And ye shall not be of Counsel of any Quarrel hanging before you. And that ye hold your Sessions after the form of Statutes thereof made. And the Issues, Fines, and Amerciaments that shall happen to be made, and all forfeitures which shall
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fall before you ye shall cause to be Entred without any concealment (or imbezilling) and truly send them to the King's Exchequer. Ye shall not let for gift or other causes, but well and truly you shall do your Office of Justice of the Peace in that behalf. And that you take nothing for your Office of Justice of the Peace to be done, but of the **King**, and Fees accustomed, and Costs limited by the Statute. And ye shall not direct, nor cause to be directed any Warrant (by you to be made) to the parties, but ye shall direct them to the Bayliffs of the said County, or other the **Kings** Officers (or Ministers) or other indifferent persons to do Execution thereof. So help you God, &c.

The Oath of the Register, and Keeper of the King's Papers and Records of State, in his Palace of Whitehal at Westminster.

You shall swear, To bear faith and true Allegiance unto the Kings Majesty, and him from henceforth truly and faithfully to serve in the place of Clerk, Keeper, and Register of his Majesties Papers and Records for matters of State, established at his Majesties Palace of *Whitehal*; You shall do your uttermost endeavour to keep and conserve the said Papers and Records, which either now or hereafter shall be committed to your charge, from all harm and damage; You shall not willingly suffer any of the same to be purloyned, embezi-
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led, or defaced ; You shall carefully and faithfully keep secret and conceal, from the knowledge of others, either by writing or relation, all such things therein contained as shall be fit, either for reason of State , or otherwise for his Majesties service, to be concealed and kept secret; except it be to the Lords, and others of his Majesties Privy Council, or such as his Majesty shall be content to have them communicated unto ; if you shall know of private person, or persons, that have embezled, or do detain any such Papers or Records which belong unto his Majesty, you shall do the best to recover the same, and bring them to the said Office, and do all things else that belong to the duty of the Clerk, Keeper, and Register of the said Papers and Records: All these you shall well and truly perform and do. So help you God.

The Oath to be ministred to the Master of the Court of Wards and Liveries.

Ye shall swear, That well and truly ye shall serve the King in the Office of the Master of the Kings *Wards* , and shall minister equal Justice unto rich and poor, to the best of your cunning, wit, and power: And that ye shall diligently procure all things which may honestly and justly be to the Kings Advantage and Profit, and to the Augmentation of the Rights and Prerogatives of his Crown , and truly use the Kings Seal appointed to your Office,

fice, and also endeavour your self to the uttermost of your power, to see the King justly and truly answered yearly of all such Rents, Revenues, Issues, and Profits, which shall, or may arise, grow, or be due to the King in your Office, and from time to time, deliver with speed such as shall have to do before you: And that ye shall not take, nor receive of any person any Gift or Reward, in any case or matter depending before you, or wherein the Kings Highness shall be Party, whereby any prejudice, loss, hindrance, or disherison shall grow, or be to the Kings Highness. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath to be ministred to the Attorney of the Court of Wards and Liveries, as it is in the Statute 32. Hen. 8. Cap. 16.

YE shall swear, That ye well and truly shall serve the King as his Attorney in all Courts, for, or concerning any matter, or cause, that shall concern the Possessions and Hereditaments limited to the Survey and Governance of this Court, and procure the Kings Profit thereof: And that ye shall truly counsel the King, and the Master of this Court, in all things concerning the same to the best of your wit and cunning, and with all speed and diligence from time to time, at the calling of the said Master ye shall endeavour your self, for the hearing and determination indifferently of such

matters and causes as shall depend before the said Master ; and that ye shall not take any Gift or Reward in any matter or cause depending in the same Court, or elsewhere, wherein the King shall be party, whereby the Kings Majesty shall be hurted or hindred, or disherited : And further, ye shall do to your power, wit, and cunning, all and every thing that shall appertain to your Office. So help you God and all Saints.

The Oath of the Receiver-General of the Court of Wards and Liveries, as in Statute, Anno, 32 Hen. 8. Cap. 46.

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the King our Sovereign Lord, and his people, in the Office of the general Receiver of this Court : And ye shall reasonably and honestly procure the Kings profit, and do right to all manner of people, poor, and and rich, in those things which touch your Office : And the Kings Receipt of his Money, you shall truly keep, dispend, pay, and deliver, and true Declaration and Accompt make thereof from time to time without any concealment, according to the Act made for the establishment of this Court : And further, shall do every thing that of right appertaineth to your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

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The Oath of the Auditors of the Court of Wards and Liveries, as in the Statute, Anno 32 Hen. 8. Cap. 46.

YE shall swear; That ye shall truly serve the **king** in your Office, and true Allowance make to every person which shall be accomptant before you : And you shall not take, or receive of poor or rich, any Gift or Reward, in any matter or cause depending, or to be discussed in the same Court, but such as shall be ordinary appertaining to your Office, whereby the **king** shall be hurted, hindred, or disherited : And ye shall do all and every thing, which shall be appertaining to your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

And all particular Auditors, that shall belong to, and be appointed to the said Court; shall take the same Oath aforesaid, before the Master of the said Court of Wards.

The Oath of the particular Receivers of the Court of Wards and Liveries, as in the Statute, Anno 32 Hen. 8 Cap. 46.

YE shall swear, That ye truly shall serve the **king** in your Office, and nothing conceal, but true Accompt make of all such Revenues, Rents, Sums of Money, and other profits, wherewith ye shall be lawfully charged by reason of your Office : Ye shall

make no Petition, or ask Allowance, but such as shall be good, just, true, and reasonable; And also truly content to pay the King, all such sums of Mony as shall come to your hands, and ye shall do all, and every thing and things which ye ought to do, by Reason of your Office, according to the form and effect of this Act: So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Clerks of the Council of the Court of Wards, as in the Statute, 32. H. 8. Cap. 46.

Y^e will swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the King in your Offices of Clerks of the Council of this Court, and truly do, and Execute all, and every thing and things which ye ought to do, by reason of your Office, according to the form and effect of this Act; So help you God, and all Saints.

All Surveyors, and Feodaries, that shall be appointed by the said Master, Attourney, Receiver general, and Auditor of the said Court, or three, or two of them, whereof the Master to be one, shall take a corporal Oath before the said Master, according to the form above-said.

The Oath of the Chancellour of the first Fruits and Tenths, as in the Statute, Anno 32. H. 8. Cap. 46.

You shall swear, That he well and truly serve the King in the Office of the Chancellour-ship of the first Fruits, and Tenths, and shall minister equal Justice to rich and poor, to the best of your cunning, wit, and power; And that ye shall diligently procure all things which may honestly and justly be to the Kings best advantage and profit, and to the Augmentations of the Rights and Prerogatives of his Crown, and truly use the Kings Seal appointed to your Office, and also endeavour your self, to the uttermost of your power, to see the King justly and truly answered yearly, of all such Rents, Revenues, and Profits, which shall or may arise, grow, or be due to the King in your Office, and from time to time, deliver with speed, such as shall have to do afore you; And that ye shall not take nor receive of any person any Gift or Reward in any case or matter depending before you, or wherein the Kings Highness shall be Party, whereby any prejudice, hindrance, loss, or disherison shall grow, or be to the Kings Highness: So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Treasurer of the Court of
first Fruits and Tenths, as in the Statute,
 Anno 32 H. 8. Cap. 45.

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the King our Sovereign Lord, and his People in the Office of the Treasurer of this Court ; And ye shall reasonably and honestly procure the Kings Profits, and do right to all manner of people, poor and rich, in those things which touch your Office, and the Kings Receipt of his Mony, ye shall truly keep, dispend, pay, and deliver a true Declaration and Accompt thereof shall make, from time to time without any concealment, according to this Act made for the establishment of this Court ; And further, shall do every thing that of right appertaineth to your Office ; So help you God, and all Saints,

The Oath of the Attourney of the Court of
First Fruits and Tenths, as in the Statute,
 Anno 32 H. 8. Cap. 45.

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the King as his Attourney in all Courts, for and concerning any matter or cause that shall concern or touch the Rents, Revenues,

Revenues, Profits, or Hereditaments, limited to the Survey and Governance of this Court, and procure the King Profit thereof; And that ye shall truly counsel the King, and Chancellour of this Court, in all things concerning the same, to the best of your cunning, wit, and power, and with all speed and diligence, from time to time, at the calling of the said Chancellour, you shall endeavour your self, for the hearing and determination indifferently of such matters and causes as shall depend before the said Chancellour; And that ye shall not receive any Gift, or Reward, in any matter or cause depending in the Court, or elsewhere, wherein the King shall be Party, whereby the Kings Majesty shall be hurted, hindred, or dis-inherited; And further ye shall do to your power, wit and cunning, all and every thing that of Right appertaineth to your Office; So help you God and all Saints.

The Oath of the Auditor of the Court of
First Fruits and Tenths, as in the Statute,
Anno 32 H. 8. Cap. 45.

YE shall swear, That ye truly shall serve the King in your Office, and true Allowance make to every person which shall be accountant before you; And you shall not take nor receive of Poor, nor Rich, any Gift or Reward in any matter or cause depending,
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or to be discussed in the same Court, but such as shall be ordinary appertaining to your Office, whereby the **King** shall be hurtted, hindred, dis-herited; And ye shall do every thing appertaining to your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Clerk of the Court of first Fruits and Tenths, as in the Statute, Anno 32. H. 8. Cap. 45.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the King in your Office of Clerk of the Council of this Court, and truly do, and execute all and every thing and things which ye ought to do, by reason of your Office, according to the form and effect of this Act; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath taken for the surety of the Succession of the Kings Highness, by Queen Anne, Anno 26. H. 8. Cap. 2.

Ye shall swear, To bear faith, truth, and obedience, all only to the Kings Majesty, and to his Heirs of his body of his most dear and entirely beloved lawful Wife **Queen Ann**, begotten and to be begotten; And farther to the Heirs of our said Sovereign Lord, according to the limitation in the Statute made for surety

surety of his Succession in the Crown of this Realm, mentioned and contained, and not to any other within this Realm, nor for any Authority or Potentate. And in case any Oath be made or hath been made by you to any person or persons, that then ye repute the same as vain, and Annihilated; And that to your cunning wit, and uttermost of your power, without guile, fraud, or other undue mean, ye shall observe, keep, maintain, and defend the said Succession, and all the whole effects and contents thereof, and all other Acts and Statutes made in confirmation, or for execution of the same, or of any thing therein contained; and this ye shall do against all manner of persons, of what Estate, Dignity, Degree, or Condition soever they be, and in no wise do, or attempt, nor to your power suffer to be done or attempted, directly or indirectly, any thing or things privately or appantly, to the let, hindrance, damage, or derogation thereof, or of any part of the same, by any manner of means, or for any manner of pretence; So help you God, all Saints, and the holy Evangelists.

The Oath taken for the Establishment of the Succession of the Crown of this Realme, in the Kings Highness by Queen Jane, Anno 28 H. 8. Cap. 7.

YE shall swear, To bear Faith, Truth, and Obedience, all only to the **kings** Majesty, Supream Head in earth under God of the Church of *England* during his Life, and to his Heirs of his Body, and of his most dear and entirely beloved lawful Wife Queen **Jane**, begotten and to be begotten and Procreated; And further, to the Heirs of our said Sovereign Lord, according to the limitation in the Statute made for surety of his Succession in the Crown of this Realm, as the Parliament begun, and holden at *Westminster* the 8th. day of *June*, in the 28th. Year of the **kings** most gracious Reign; And also for lack of such Heirs to such person or persons as the **kings** Highness shall limit and appoint to succeed to the Crown, by vertue and Authority of the same Act, and not to any other within this Realm, nor for any Authority, Power, or Potentate; And in case any other Oath be made, or hath been made by you to any person or persons, that then ye to repute the same as vain and Annihilate, and that to your cunning, wit, and uttermost of your power, without guile, fraud, or other undue manner; Ye shall observe, keep, defend and maintain the
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saide Act of Succession, made in the saide Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, in the saide 8th. day of *June*, in the saide 28th. Year of the **Kings** most Royal Reign, and all the whole effects and contents thereof, and all things that shall be done by the **Kings** Highness by Authority of the same, and all other Acts and Statutes, made in Confirmation or Execution of the same, or any thing therein contained; And this ye shall do against all manner of persons, of what Estate, Dignity, Degree, or Condition soever they be, and in no wise do or attempt, nor to your power suffer to be done or attempted, directly or indirectly, any thing or things, privately or apparty, to the let, hindrance, damage, or derogation thereof, or any part of the same, or of any thing or things that shall be done by the **Kings** Highness, by vertue and Authority of the saide Act, by any manner of means, or for any manner of pretence; So help you God, all Saints, and the Holy Evangelists.

The Oath of the Commissioners appointed for inquiry of the decay of Castles, Forts, and other places near Scotland, and for Reparation of the same. Anno 2 & 3. P. & M. Cap. 1.

Ye shall swear, That to your cunning wit and power, ye shall truly and indifferently execute the Authority to you given by this

this Commission without any favour, affection, corruption, dread, or malice to be born, to any manner of person or persons; and as the case shall remain, you shall consent, and endeavour your self, for your part, to the best of your knowledge and power, to the making of such wholesome, just, equal, and indifferent Laws and Ordinances, as shall be made and devised by the most discreet and indifferent number of your selves, being in Commission with you, for the making, erection and preservation of all and every such things as are contained and specified in the said Commission, and the same Laws and Ordinances to your cunning, wit, and power, cause to put in due Execution, without favour, meed, malice, or affection. As God you help, and all Saints.

The Oath of such as were Sworn to declare the true value of their Estates towards the payment of the 15. Dismes and Subsidies, Anno 2. & 3. P. & M. Cap. 23.

I Shall faithfully, truly, and plainly, according to my knowledge, shew unto you the King and Queens Commissioners, and to others by you assigned, the best and greatest value of all my goods and chattels, and summs of mony to me owing, according to the grant of this Act of Subsidy, and truly answer to that I shall be examined of, touching the premises, without coven or deceit; So help me God, and the holy contents of this Book- The

The Oath of such as were to make Enquiry of the value of the Goods and Lands of such persons as were lyable to the payment of Fifteens, Dismes, and Subsidies, Anno 4. & 5. P.M. Cap. 6. & Anno 6. Edw. 6. Cap. 7.

I Shall truly enquire, with my Fellowes that shall be charged with me of the Hundred, Wapentake, Ward, Town, and other places of the best and most value of the substance of every person dwelling and abiding within the limits of the places, that I and my fellows shall be charged with, and of other which shall have his or their most resort unto any of the said places, and chargeable with any sum of money by this Act of the said Subsidy, and of all other Articles that I shall be charged with touching the said Act, and according to the intent of the same, and thereupon as near as it may be, or shall come to my knowledg, truly to present and certifie before you the names, sir-names, and the best and uttermost substance and values, of every of them, as well of Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments, Possessions, and Profits, as of Goods, Chattells, Debts, and other things chargeable by the said Act, without any concealment, favour, love, affection, dread, fear, or malice, near as God will give me grace; So help me God, and the holy contents of this Book.

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The Oath of such as were to present names
and best values of the substance of such per-
sons as were to pay relief to the King, An-
no 2 & 3 Edw. 6. Cap. 36.

I Shall truly enquire, with my fellows that
shall be charged with me, of the Hundred,
Wapentake, Ward, Town, or other place of
the best and most value of the substance of every
person dwelling and abiding within the limits
of the places, that I and my fellows shall be
charged with, and of other which shall have
his or their most resort unto any of the said
places, and chargeable with any sum of mo-
ney by this Act, of this said relief, and of all
other Articles that I shall be charged with
touching the said Act, and according to the in-
tent of the same, and thereupon as near as it
may, or shall come to my knowledg, not on-
ly truly to present and certifie before you, the
names, sir-names, additions, and the best and
uttermost substance and values of every of them,
of their Goods, Chattels, Debts, and other
things chargeable by the said Act, and how
many Strangers, Denizons, or not Denizons,
being above the age of seven years, be resiant
and dwelling within the limits of my charge,
of what value in Goods, and other things charge-
able to the payment of this relief they have been,
and whether they be Housholders, or Servants
or otherwise, under the rule and government
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parents, without any concealment, favour, love, affection, dread, fear, or malice: So help me God, and the holy contents of this Book.

The Oath taken by those that were to pay Relief to the King, Anno 2 & 3 Edw. 6. Cap. 36.

I Shall faithfully, truly, and plainly, according to my knowledg, shew unto you the Kings Commissioners, and to others by you assigned, the best and greatest value of all my goods and chattels, and sums of mony to me owing, according to the grant of this Act of Relief, and truly answer to that I shall be examined of, touching the premises, without coven or deceit; So help me God, and the holy contents of this Book.

The Oath to be taken by Parsons, Vicars, or Curates, and others, to declare what number of Sheep were in their several Parishes, to the end, that the King might be paid his Relief by the Pooll, Anno 3. & Edw. 6. Cap. 36.

Ye shall diligently enquire, and justly and truly present and certifie us, the Kings Commissioners, what number of Ewes, Wethers, and other Shear-sheep there be within
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the limits of your charge, whose they be, in what Town or Parish the Owner dwelleth, of what condition or degree he is, and whether for the most part of the year they be kept in several Pastures, or Marshes, or in Commons, or Grounds, commonly used to be Tilled, As ye trust to be saved by the merits of Christs Passion.

The Oath of such as were to value Cloaths, to the end, that the King might receive payment of Relief for every Cloath, Anno 2 & 3 Edw. 6. Cap. 36.

Ye shall faithfully and truly esteem, set the just price and value of all such Cloaths as shall be brought to you to be viewed and praised, as ye shall in your conscience think the same worth in your conscience to be sold when they shall be wrought, and the same shall not suffer to be delivered out of your custody till you have made of the Colour, Kind, and Price thereof an entry, both in the Book of the Clothier, and also of the Alnager, or his Deputy, and set your hands, or Marks, delaring who was the Owner of the Cloath, and the Kind and Price thereof. So help you God, and by this Book.

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The Oath of the Surveyor of the Kings Liveries, Anno 33 H. 8. Cap. 22.

YE shall swear, That ye well and truly serve the King our Sovereign in the Office of Surveyor of his Graces Liveries, and shall minister equal Justice to rich and poor to the best of your power, wit, and knowledg, and that you shall diligently proceed in all things which may honestly and justly be to the Kings advantage and profit, and to the Augmentation of the right and prerogative of his Graces Crown, and from time to time deliver with speed such as shall have to do before you; And that you shall not take, nor receive of any person or persons any gift or reward, in any case or matter, depending or to depend in the said Court of the Kings Wards, wherein the Kings Highness shall be Party, by reason whereof, any prejudice, loss, hindrance, or disherison, shall or may grow to the Kings Highness his Heirs or Successors; So help you God and all Saints.

The Oath of the Clerk of the Liveries, as in Anno 33 H. 8. Cap. 22.

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the King our Sovereign Lord in your Office of Clerk of the Liveries, and
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truly do and execute, without delay, fraud, or coven, all and every thing and things which you ought to do, by reason of your said Office, according to the form and effect of this present Act : So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the general Surveyor of the Kings Court, called the Court of general Surveyor of the Kings Lands, Anno 23 H. 8. Cap. 39.

YE shall swear, That ye well and truly shall serve the King in the said Office of the general Surveyor of the Revenues of this Court, called the Court of the general Surveyor of his Graces Lands, and shall minister equal Justice to rich and poor, to the best of your cunning, wit, and power ; And that ye shall diligently procure all things which may honestly and justly be to the Kings advantage and profit, and to the Augmentation of the rights and prerogatives of his Crown, and truly use the Kings Seal appointed for your Office ; And also endeavour your self, to the uttermost of your power, to see the King truly answered of all such Rents, Revenues, Issues, and Profits, which shall or may arise or grow in your Office, and from time to time deliver with speed, such as shall have to do before you ; And that ye shall not take, or receive of any person, any Gift or Reward, in any cause or matter depending before you, or wherein the Kings Hghness shall be

be Party, whereby any prejudice, hindrance loss, or disherison shall grow; or be to the Kings Highness; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Treasurer of Office or Court of the Kings general Surveyor, Anno 33 H. 8. Cap. 39.

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the King our Sovereign Lord, and his people in the Office of Treasurer of his Highness Court of general Surveyor; And ye shall reasonably, and honestly procure the Kings Profit, and do right to all manner of people, poor and rich, in those things which touch your Office and the Kings Treasure; ye shall truly keep and dispend, and true Declaration and accompt thereof shall make from time to time, without any concealment, to and before such person and persons, as shall be named and appointed by the Kings Highness, his Heirs and Successors for the same; And further, shalt do every thing that of Right appertaineth to your Office: So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Kings Attourney of the
Court of general Surveyor. Anno. 33 H.8.
Cap. 39.

YE shall swear. That ye well and truly shall serve the King in all places, for, or concerning any matter or cause that shall concern or touch the possessions and Hereditaments, limited to the survey and governance of this Court, and procure the Kings profit thereof; And ye shall truly counsel the King and the Surveyor and Treasurer of this Court, in all things concerning the same, to the best of your cunning, wit, and power, and with all speed and diligence from time to time at the calling of the said Surveyor and Treasurer, you shall endeavour your self, for the hearing and determination indifferently, of such matters and causes as shall depend before the said Surveyor and Treasurer; And that ye shall not take any gift or reward in any matter or cause depending in the same Court, or elsewhere, wherein the King shall be Party, whereby the Kings Majesty shall be hurted, hindred, or disinherited; And further, do all and every thing that shall appertain to your Office: So help you God, and all Saints.

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The Oath of the Master of the Woods of the
Court of General Surveyor, Anno, 33
Hen. 8. Cap. 39.

YE shall swear, That ye well and truly
shall serve the **king** our Sovereign Lord,
in the Office of Master of the Woods in this
Court: And that ye shall make true sale and
sales of all Woods, and Under-woods belong-
ing to your Office, according to the authority
given unto you by this Act of General Survey-
or, or any other Act or Acts to be made con-
cerning the said General Surveyors for the
Kings most advantage, and nothing conceal,
but true accompt make of all such sums of mo-
ney received for the same, and other Profits
wherewith ye shall be lawfully charged by rea-
son of your said Office: Ye shall make no Pe-
tition, nor ask any Allowance, but such as shall
be good, just, true, and reasonable: And ye
shall do all and every thing and things which
ye ought to do, by reason of your Office, ac-
cording to the form and effect of this Act. So
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The Oath of the Auditors of the Court of
the General Surveyor, Anno 33 H.8. Ca. 39.

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and truly
serve the **king** in your Office, and shall
not take or receive of poor or rich, any gift or
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reward, in any matter or cause depending, or to be discussed in the same Court, but such as shall be your ordinary Fees: And ye shall do all and every other thing which shall appertain to your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Receiver of the Court of the General Surveyance, Anno 33. Hen. 8. Cap. 39.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall truly serve the King in your Office, and nothing conceal, but true accompt make of all such Revenues, Rents, Sums of Money, and other profits where-with you shall be lawfully charged, by reason of your said Office: You shall make no Petition, nor ask Allowance, but such as shall be good, just, and true and reasonable, and ye shall do all, and every thing and things which ye ought to do, by reason of your Office, according to the form and effect of this Act. So help you God, and by the contents of this Book.

The Oath of the Clerk of the Court of the General Surveyor, Anno 33 Hen. 8. Cap. 39.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the King in your Office of Clerk of the said Court, and truly do and execute,

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cute, all, and every thing and things which ye ought to do by reason of your Office, according to the form and effect of the Act: And ye shall also be attendant unto the said General Surveyor from time to time, as they shall require you. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Messenger of the Court of the General Surveyor, Anno 33 Hen. 8.
Cap. 39.

YOU will swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the ~~King~~ in your Office of Messenger of this Court, as well in speedy serving all and singular Processess to you, to be delivered without fraud, coven, guile, or deceit: As also making true and speedy Certificate to this Court of the same: And that you well and truly do, and execute all, and every other thing and things which ye ought to do by reason of your said Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of Supremacy, Anno 28 Hen. 8.
Cap. 10.

It is Ordained and Enacted by Authority aforesaid, That all, and every Ecclesiastical Judge, Ordinary, Chancellor, Commissary, Official, Vicar General, Mayor, Bayliff, Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Escheator, Alderman, Jurate, Constable, Headborough, Thirdborow, Bursholder,

sholder, and every other Lay-Officer and Minister to be made, created, elected, or admitted within this Realm, or any other the Kings Dominions, of what estate, order, degree, or condition soever he shall be, from, and after the said last day of *July*, shall before he take upon him such Office, make, take, and receive a Corporal Oath upon the Evangelists, before such person and persons as have, or shall have authority to admit him: That he from henceforth shall utterly renounce, refuse, relinquish and forsake the Bishop of *Rome*, and his authority, power, and jurisdiction: And that ye shall never consent or agree, that the Bishop of *Rome* shall practice, exercise, or have any manner of authority, jurisdiction or power within this Realm, or any other the **Kings** Dominions, but that he shall resist the same at all times to the uttermost of his power: And that from henceforth he shall accept, repute and take the **Kings Majesty** to be the only Supreme Head in Earth of the Church of *England*, and that to his cunning, wit, and uttermost of his power, without guile, fraud, or other undue mean: He shall observe, keep, maintain, and defend the whole effect and contents of all and singular Acts and Statutes, made, and to be made within this Realm, in derogation, execution, and extinguishment of the Bishop of *Rome*, and his Authority, and all other Acts and Statutes, made, and to be made in Reformation and corroboration of the **Kings** Power of Supreme Head in Earth of the Church of *England*: And
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this he shall do against all manner of persons, of what estate, dignity, degree, or condition they be, and in no wise do or attempt, nor to his power suffer to be done or attempted, directly or indirectly, any thing or things privily or ap-
partly, to the let, hindrance, damage, or derogation thereof, or of any part thereof, by any manner of means, or of any manner of pre-
tence: And in case any Oath be made, or hath been made to him, by any manner of person or persons, in maintenance, defence, or favour of the Bishop of *Rome*, or his Authority, Jurisdiction, or power, ye repute the same as vain and adnihillate. So help him God and all Saints, and the Holy Evangelists.

The Oath of a Commissioner for Sewers, as is in the Statute, Anno 23 Hen. 8.

Ye shall swear, That you to your cunning, wit, and power shall truly and indifferent-
ly execute the Authority given by this Commis-
sion of Sewers, without any favour, affection, corruption, dread, or malice, to be born to any manner of person or persons, and as the case shall require, ye shall consent and endeavour your self, for your part, to the best of your knowledg and power, to the making of such wholsome, just, equal, and different Laws, and Ordinances, as shall be made and devised by the most discreet and indifferent number of your fellows, being in Commission with you,
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for the redress, reformation, and amendment, of all, and every such things as are contained and specified in the said Commission: And the same Laws and Ordinances, to your cunning, wit, and power, cause to be put in due execution without favour, meed, dread, malice, or affection. So God you help, and all Saints.

The Oath of an Under-Sheriff, Bayliff of Franchies, Deputies, and Clerk of every Sheriff, and Under-Sheriff, Statute, Anno 27 of Queen Eliz. Cap. 12.

I. A. B. Shall not use or exercise the Office of Under-Sheriff corruptly, during the time that I shall remain there, neither shall, or will accept, rejoice, or take by any colour, means, or device whatsoever, or consent to the taking of any manner of fee or reward of any manner of person or persons for the impannelling or returning of any Inquest, Jury, or Tales, in any Court of Record for the Queen, or between party and party, above two Shillings, or the value thereof, or such Fees as are allowed and appointed for the same by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, but will, according to my power, truly and indifferently with convenient speed, Impannel all Jurors, and return all such Writ or Writs touching the same, as shall appertain to be done by my duty or Office, during the time that I shall remain in the said Office. So help me God, and by the contents of this Book.

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It is Ordained, That every Under-Sheriff, Bayliff of Franchizes, Deputy, and Clerk of every Sheriff, and Under-Sheriff, and every other person and persons, which shall have Authority, or take upon him to Impannel or return any Inquest, Jury or Tales, or intermeddle with execution of Proceſs in any Court of Record, until he or they have taken the Oath of Supremacy, as it is Ordained in the first year of Queen *Elizabeth*; together with the Oath abovesaid.

The Oath given to the Kings Council and Judges of his Court of Requests, as it is entred in an old Book of Presidents remaining among the Records of that Court, Anno 27 Hen. 6. Fol. 56.

You shall be faithful and true Counsellor to our Sovereign Lord, *Henry* by the Grace of God, King of *England*, and of *France*, and Lord of *Ireland*, the 7th. and to his Council be diligently attendant, and due, and diligent attendance he shall give to the same, and and in every matter touching our said Sovereign Lord his Honourable suretie or profit that shall come to your knowledg, or that shall be communed or treated in his Council: Ye shall to the best of your wisdom, give plain and true Counsel, not letting so to do for meed, dread, favour, or affection of any person, of what degree or condition soever he be; the
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Kings Council, as long as it is Ordained to be Council, ye shall conceal and keep secret, without disclosing it to any person, though he be of the same Council, if it touch him, and that he may not be made privy there: And if there shall come any thing to your knowledg, that may be hurtful prejudicial, or dishonourable to our said Sovereign Lord: Ye shall let it to the best of your power, and as soon as ye goodly may, shew it to our said Sovereign Lord, or such of his Council as ye shall think will shew it to him; All which premises, and every of them, ye shall well and truly keep and observe. So help you God, and all Saints, and by his Holy Evangelists, by you bodily touchèd.

The Oath which was given by Henry Garnet the Jesuit, to Catesby, Piercy, Christopher Wright, and Thomas Winter, and the rest of the Conspirators in the Powder-Treason, Anno 1605. for secrese, as perseverance and constancy in the execution of their Plots,

You shall swear, By the Blessed Trinity, and by the Sacrament you now purpose to receive, never to disclose directly nor indirectly, by word or circumstance, the matter that shall be proposed to you to keep Secret, nor desist from execution thereof, until the rest shall give you leave.

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The Oath concerning the Office of a Constable in the Country, Vide Dalton, Title Warrants.

You shall swear, That you shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Office of a Constable; You shall see, and cause his Majesties Peace to be well and truly kept and preserved according to your power; You shall Arrest all such persons as in your sight or presence shall ride or go Armed offensively, or shall commit, or make any Riot, Affray, or other breach of his Majesties Peace; You shall do your best endeavour (upon complaint to you made) to apprehend all Fellons, Barctors, and Rioters, or persons Riotous assembled; and if any such Offenders shall make resistance (with force) you shall leave hue and cry, and shall pursue them until they be taken: You shall do your best endeavour, that the Watch in your Town be duly kept, and that hue and cries be duly pursued, according to the Statute of *Winchester*: And that the Statutes made for the Punishment of Rogues and Vagabonds, and Night-walkers, and such idle persons coming within your Bounds and Limits be duly put in Execution: You shall have a watchful eye to such persons as shall maintain or keep any common house or place where any unlawful Games

Games is, or shall be used; As also, to such as shall frequent or use such places; or shall use or exercise any unlawful Games there, or elsewhere, contrary to the Statutes at your Assizes, Sessions, or Leet; You shall present all, and every the offences done, contrary to the Statutes made, 1. *Jacob.* 4. *Jacob.* & 21. *Jacob. Regis*, to restrain the inordinate hunting and tipling in Innes, Alehouses, and other Victualing-houses, and for repressing of Drunkenness. You shall true representment make of all Bloodshedding, Affraies, Out-cryes, Rescuous, and other Offences committed or done against the ~~things~~ Majesties Peace within your Limits; And you shall have a care for the maintenance of Archery, according to the Statute: You shall well and duly execute all Receipts and Warrants to you directed, from the Justices of this Country; And ye shall well and duly, according to your knowledge, power, and ability, do, and execute all other things belonging to the Office of a Constable, so long as you shall continue in this Office; So help you God.

The Oath of a Duke and Earl in Scotland, to their King.

You shall fortifie and defend the true and Christian Religion, and Christs holy Evangel presently preached in this Realm, and shall be loyal and true to our Sovereign Lord the ~~things~~ Majesty, and shall defend his Highness
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Realm and Lieges from all Aliens and Strangers, at the uttermost of your power; So help you God, and by the Oath that ye have else made.

The Oath of a Lord of Parliament in Scotland.

Ye shall give due and faithful Counsel to our Sovereign Lord the ~~kings~~ Majesties Weal publicquely in Parliament, as in all other places needful, and secretly according to your knowledge, for the preservation of his Highness most noble Person, his Royal Estate, Lieges, and Realm, and Common-weal thereof; And shall never Heil nor conceil any point of Treason, or Crime, Leismajesty, that shall appear to be conspired against his said Royal Person but shall incontinent, with all possible diligence reveal the same; So help you God, and by the Oath that ye have else made.

The Oath of a Knight of Scotland.

1. **I** Shall fortifie and defend the Christian Religion, and Christs holy Evangel presently preached in this Realm, to the uttermost of my power.

2. **I** shall be Loyal and true to my Sovereign Lord the ~~kings~~ Majesty, to all Orders
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of Chivalry, and to the Noble Office of Arms.

3. I shall fortifie and defend Justice at my power, and that with favour or feed.

4. I shall never flye from my Sovereign Lord the **Kings** Majesty, nor from his Highness Lieutenants, in time of Mellay and Battail.

5. I shall defend my Native Realm from all Alieners and Strangers.

6. I shall defend the just occasion and quarrel of all Ladies of Honour, of all true and friendless Widows, of Orphans, and of Maidens of good fame.

7. I shall do diligence wheresoever I hear there is any Murtherers, Traytors, or masterful Reavers, that Oppresseth the **Kings** Lieges, and poor people, to bring them to the Law at my power.

8. I shall maintain and uphold the Noble Estate of Chivalry, with Horse, Harness, and other Knightly Habilliments, and shall help and succour them of the same Order, if they have need.

9. I shall enquire, and seek to have the knowledge and understanding, of all the Articles and Points contained in the Book of Chivalry.

All these premises to observe, keep and faithful, I oblige me; So help me God, by my own hand, so help me God, &c.

The Oath of the Mayor of London and Oxford, as it is entred in the Red Book of the Exchequer.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall serve well and truly our Sovereign Lord the **King**, in the Office of Mayoralty in the City of London, or (Oxenford) and the same City; Ye shall surely, and safely, unto the use of our said Sovereign Lord the **King** of England, and of his Heirs, **Kings** of England, and the Profit of the **King**, ye shall do in all things that to you longeth, and the Right of the **King**, and that that belongeth to the Crown ye shall truly keep; Ye shall not assent unto decrees nor concealment of the Rights, nor of the Franchizes of the **King**, or of the Crown, be it in Lands Rents, or in Franchizes, or in Suits concealed or withdrawn, you shall put your power to call it again; And if ye may not do it, ye shall tell unto the **King**, or to those of his Council, of whom ye shall understand for to be certain, that they shall inform the **King** thereof; And ye shall truly and right wisely treat the people of your Bayly, and right ye shall do to every person, as well to Stranger as to privy, to poor as to rich, in that that belongeth to you for to do; And that for highness, nor for riches, for gift, promise, favour, nor hate, ye shall no wrong do to any person, nor to any man ye shall the right let; Ye shall not take

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whereby the **King** may leese, or by which the right may be letted; And also that ye may set good keeping upon the Assize of Bread, Wine Fish, Flesh, Corn, and all other Victuals, and also of Weights and Measures in the said City, doing sad and due execution upon the defaults that there shall be found, according to all the Statutes thereof made not repealed, and that in all things to the Mayor of the said City longing for to do, well and truly you shall have you, and do; So help you God, and holydome,

The Oath of the Sub Treasurer, as it is entred in the Red Book of the Exchequer.

Ye shall well and truly serve the **King** our Sovereign Lord, in the room of Under Treasurer of this his *Exchequer*, and in the Receipt of the same; and well and truly survey and order as well the Receipts of all sums of money, pay'd and to be pay'd to the **Kings** use in the said Receipt, as the issue of the same; And well and truly behave your self in the same room; So help you God, and all Saints, and the holy Evangelists.

The Oath of the Auditor of the Exchequer,
as it is entred in the Red Book of the Ex-
chequer.

YE shall swear, That ye shall truly serve
the ~~king~~ our Sovereign Lord, in the Of-
fice of one of the Auditors of this *Exchequer*,
during the time ye shall have the same; And
well and truly ye shall intreat, and with all
goodly speed ye shall rid such persons as shall
be by this Court Assigned to Accompt before
you; Ye shall not take of any Person, whereby
the Kings Majesty may lose, nor consent to
any untruth; And right ye shall do to every
Accomptant that shall have to do before you,
according to your wit and discretion, and
safely and surely keep such Records, Writs, and
other Mynuments of this Court as shall be com-
mitted for any time to your custody, without rai-
sing or embezzling of the same. So God you
help, &c.

The Oath of the Ingrosser of the great Roll,
as it is entred in the Red Book of the Ex-
chequer.

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and
truly serve the ~~kings~~ Majesty our Sove-
reign Lord, in the Office of Ingrosser
of the great Roll, otherwise called
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quer, and the Office, with all the Rolls, Records, Accompts, and other Mynuments, being and remaining in the same, and that hereafter shall be committed to your custody, and pertaining to the same Office; Ye shall safely and surely keep, or do to be kept, to the use of our said Sovereign Lord the King; And ye shall draw, or cause to be drawn out of the Two Remembrancers Offices, with all convenient speed, all manner of Femes, or other Debts and Duties to be engrossed; And all the said Femes, Debts and Duties, ye shall set forth to be summoned at the next Liberate; And ye shall true entry make of all Awards made by the Court upon any Opposal of any Sheriff, or other Accomptants, for and concerning any Femes, Debts or other the Kings Duties; And the same Awards ye shall set out in the Serowles of the Pipes; And also, ye shall well and truly make and discharge, or cause to be made and discharged, all Allowances and discharges the same Term, or the next Vacation, before the first day of the next Term, without any further delay; And ye shall not take of any person or persons, by promise, gift, reward, or otherwise, whereby the King may lose, or be hindred, or his said Femes, Debts, or other duties may be prolonged or detained by any time; or else by the which, the right let to any manner of person and persons: And well and truly, and with all convenient speed, ye shall discharge, or cause to be discharged, all persons of all such things as the Court shall award

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award, belonging to your said Office ; And all this ye shall do, during such time as ye shall be Officer in the said Office, without fraud or guile ; So help you God, &c.

The Oath of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as it is entred in the Red Book of the Exchequer.

YE shall swear, That ye shall serve well and truly the **King** our Sovereign Lord, in the Office of Chancellor of his *Exchequer*, and well and truly ye shall do all things, that appertaineth to that Office ; And ye shall speed the Kings Business before all other ; And ye shall not enseal any Writ of Judgment of any other Place then of the *Exchequer*, with the Seal of this Place, whiles the *Chancery* shall be twenty Miles about the place where this *Exchequer* is abiding ; And also, ye shall swear, That if it fortune, that if hereafter, by reason of your Office, to make any Clerks or Ministers to execute any Office or Place within this Court, ye shall make such Clerks or Ministers, as ye will answer for at your peril, and such as shall be sufficient, true, and intendant unto that to them shall appertain, in speed, as well of the Kings Business, as of his People, after the form of the Statute in that behalf, made in the Parliament holden at *Westminster* the second year of the Reign of **King Henry** the VI. So help you God, &c.

The Oath of a Baron of the Exchequer, as
as it is entred in the Red Book of the Ex-
chequer.

Y^e shall swear, That well and truly ye
shall serve the **king** our Sovereign Lord,
in the Office of Baron of this *Exchequer*, and
lawfully ye shall charge and discharge the peo-
ple that have to accompt before you, and right
ye shall do to all people, as well to poor as to
rich, and that for Highness for riches, neither
for hate, nor for the Estate of any person, for
benefit, gift, nor promise of any person that
may be made to you, or shall be made to you,
ne by Art, nor Engine, the Right of the King,
nor none other you shall disturb, ne respite,
contrary to the Laws of the Land, and the **king's**
Debts ye shall not put in respite there where they
may goodly be Levyed, and the Kings Business
ye shall speed before all other, and that for gift,
wages, or benefit, ye shall not conceal the
king's Profit or advantage in advantage to
other, nor for your self; And that ye shall not
take Fee, neither neither Robe of any person, but
of the **king** only; and ye shall have nothing of
any person for to do wrong, or delay the right,
or to delude, or delay the people that have to do
afore you, but in all that ye may ye shall deli-
ver them; And there where ye may understand
wrong, or prejudice, to be done to the **king**,
ye shall put all your power and diligence to
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redress it; And if ye may not ye shall tell it to the **king**, or to those of his Council which may shew it to the **king**, if ye may not come unto him; And the **king's** Counsel ye shall keep in all things; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Kings Remembrancer in the Exchequer, as it is entred in the Red Book of the Exchequer,

Ye shall swear, That you well and truly serve the **king** our Sovereign Lord, in the Office of Remembrancer of his Majesty of this his *Exchequer*; And the same Office, with all the Rolls, Records, and other Mynuments, now lying and remaining in the same, and that hereafter shall be committed to your custody, and appertaining to the same Office, ye shall safely and surely keep, or do to be kept, to the use of our said Sovereign Lord the **king**, and of his Heirs **king's** of *England*; You shall true Entry make of all Awards, and other things to be entred in the said Office, and that with all convenient speed; You shall not take of any person or persons, by promise, gift, reward, or otherwise, whereby the **Kings** Majesty may leese or be hindred, or by which the right may be let, to any manner of person or persons, and all other things belonging to the Master of the said Office to do, ye shall well and truly do, without fraud or guile; So help you God, &c.

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The Oath of the Clerk of the Pleas in the Exchequer, as it is entred in the Red Book of the Exchequer.

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and truly intend, that which shall appertain unto your Office in speed, as well of the **Kings** Busines, as of his people, and all such rewards as do, or shall concern your Office, you shall safely keep, or cause to be kept; And you shall true Entry make of all Orders, Awards, and other things to be entred into your said Office, and that with all convenient speed; And all other things belonging to the Master of the said Office to do, you shall well and truly do; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Forreign Opposer of the Exchequer, as it is entred in the Red Book of the Exchequer.

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the **King** our Sovereign Lord, his Heirs and Successors, in the Office of Forreign Opposer of this *Exchequer*, and the **Kings** Busines in the same ye shall speed and dispatch before all other; And you shall faithfully and truly charge and discharge all Accompts and people that have to do before you, and do all other things appertaining to the said Office,

fices, and shall well and truly behave your self in the same Office, without undue practice, fraud or concealment, so long as you shall continue in the same Office; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Comptroller of the Pipe
in the Exchequer, as it is entred in the
Red Book of the Exchequer.

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and truly execute the place of the Comptroller of the Pipe in his Majesties Court of *Exchequer* and shall comptrol the great Roll of the Pipe and the Pipes thereunto belonging; And shall twice in the year (that is to say) in the Term of Saint *Hilary*, and the Holy *Trinity*, yearly writ into the Summons of the Pipe, all Femes and Debts contained in the said great Roll, and well and truly behave your self in the said Office of Comptroller of the Pipe, as long as you shall continue in the same Office; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of the Chamberlains of the Ex-
chequer, as it is entred in the Red Book
of the Exchequer.

YE shall swear, That ye shall truly serve the King our Sovereign Lord, in the Office of one of the Chamberlains of this *Ex-*
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chequer, and truly enter and ingross as well all manner of Receipts of Money received, and to be received to the **Kings** use, at the Receipt of this *Exchequer*, as the payment of the same; And also, you shall safely and truly keep, as well all Records, being in the **Kings** Treasury, as all other things, Leagues, Truces, Evidences, and Jewels, and all other things being to the **Kings** Treasury, and all that hereafter shall be committed to your keeping; And ye shall not assent unto the deliverance of any of the **Kings** Mony, nor any other thing being in his Treasury, without sufficient Warrant in that behalf; And ye shall not depute, or put any Clerk or Minister to occupy any place or room under you in this Office, but such as shall be sufficient, true, and intendant unto that that to them shall appertain in speed, as well of the **Kings** Business, as of his people, after the form of the Statute in that behalf made, in the Parliament holden at *Westminster*, the second year of the Reign of **King Henry** the sixth; And in these, and all other things concerning your Office, ye shall well and truly have you, and do; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath of an Escheator, as it is entred in the Red Book of the Exchequer.

YE shall swear, That ye shall serve the **King** well and truly in the Office of the *Escheator*, in the Town of N. and do the **Kings** Profit in all that belongeth unto you to do,
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by way of your Office, after your wit and your power, and his Rights, and all that belongeth to his Crown ye shall truly keep; Ye shall not assent to decrease, neither conceal the **Kings** Right, nor his Franchizes; And wheresoever that ye have knowledge of the **Kings** Rights, or of his Crown, be it in Lands, Rents, Franchizes, or Suits, that be concealed or withdrawn ye shall do your true pain and diligence to withstand it; And if ye may not do it, you shall say it to the **King**, or some of his Council, such as you know for certain will say it to the **King**; Ye shall truly, and right wisely, treat the people of your Baylywick, and do right to every man, as well to poor as to rich, in that that belongeth to you to do, by way of your Office; Ye shall do no wrong to any man, neither for gift, promise, nor hate, neither no mans right ye shall disturb; ye shall take nothing, whereby that right may be disturbed, letted, or delayed; Ye shall truly and right-wisely return and serve all the **Kings** Writs; Ye shall in your proper person make the extent of Lands after their very value and enquests, to return them as oft as they be taken afore you, and that within a month after they be taken, ye shall take no Bayley into your service, but such as ye will answer for, and ye shall do your Bayliffs, to make such Oath as it belongeth to them. Ye shall truly and right wisely yeild accompt at the **Kings Exchequer**, of all Issues of your said Bayliffswick; Ye shall take your enquests in open places, and that by Indenture after the

the effect of the Statute thereof made; As God help you, and his Saints.

The Oath of the Deputy Chamberlain of the Exchequer, as it is entred in the Red Book of the Exchequer.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the **King** our Sovereign Lord, as Deputy unto A.D. one of the Chamberlains of the *Exchequer*, in the Office of the said Chamberlain of this Court, and shall surely joyn all such Tables as any Accomptant or Debtor shall bring unto you to be joyned with the Foyles of the same, being in your charge and custody; And the same Tables so joyned, ye shall deliver over unto the Clerks of the Pipe, or the ingrosser of the great Roll in this Court, and do all other things appertaining to the said Office, so long as ye shall be Officer there; So God you help and his Saints.

The Oath to be ministred to all Churchwardens, and Sidemen, within the Diocess of Salisbury, to present according to Articles published in Anno. 1616.

You shall swear, That all affection, favour, hatred, hope of reward and gain, or fear of displeasure, or malice set aside; You shall upon due consideration of the Articles given

ven you in charge, Present all and every such person within your Parish, as hath committed any offence or fault, or made any default mentioned in these or any of those Articles, or which are vehemently suspected or defamed, of any such offence fault, or default, wherein you shall deal uprightly, and according to truth, neither of malice, presenting any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection, sparing to present any, and so conceal the truth, having in this action God before your eyes, with an earnest zeal to maintain the truth, and to suppress vice; So help you God, and the contents of this Book.

The Oath to be ministred to all Churchwardens within the Diocese of Bristol, in the Visitation to Present according to Articles published in Anno, 1595.

YE shall swear, Calling Almighty God to witness, who seeth into your hearts, and knoweth your very thoughts, That you, and every of you, shall diligently and faithfully perform and execute the Office whereunto he is appointed, and setting apart all malice, hatred, love, fear, or affection, to any person or persons, shall diligently enquire, and truly present and discover, all, and every such person or persons within your Parish, either known, commonly reported, or vehemently suspected to have committed any Misdemeanour, Fault, Default,

Default, Crime, Sin, or Offence, mentioned or specified within any the Articles in this Book comprised, or in the same omitted, which coming to your knowledge, are by Ecclesiastical Authority to be reformed; So help you God, in Christ Jesus.

The Protestation.

I A. B. Do in the presence of Almighty God, Promise, Vow, and Protest to maintain and defend, as far as lawfully I may, with my life, power, and estate, the true Reformed Protestant Religion, expressed in the Doctrine of the Church of *England*, against all Popery and Popish Innovations within this Realm, contrary to the same Doctrine, and according to the duty of my Allegiance, his Majesties Royal Person, Honour, and Estate; as also the Power and Priviledges of Parliament, the lawful Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and every person that maketh this Protestation, in whatsoever he shall do in the lawful pursuance of the same. And to my power, and as far as lawfully I may, I will oppose, and by all good ways and means endeavour to bring to condign punishment, all such as shall either by Force, Practice, Counsels, Plots, Conspiracies, or otherwise, do any thing to the contrary of any thing in this present Protestation contained. And further, That I shall in all just and honourable ways endeavour to preserve the Union and Peace between
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the three Kingdoms of England, Scotland, and Ireland; and neither for hope, fear, nor other respect shall relinquish this Promise, Vow and Protestation.

The Vow and Covenant appointed by the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, to be taking by every man, in the Cities of London, Westminster, the Suburbs and Liberties thereof, and throughout the whole Kingdome.

I A. B. In humility and reverence of the Divine Majesty, declare my hearty sorrow for my own sins, and the sins of this Nation, which have deserved the calamities and judgments that now lye upon it; And my true intention is, by Gods grace to endeavour the amendment of my own wayes; And that I do abhor and detest the said wicked and treacherous Design lately discovered, and that I never gave, nor will give my assent to the execution thereof, but will according to my power and Vocation oppose and resist the same, and all other of the like nature. And in case any other like Design shall hereafter come to my knowledge, I will make such timely discovery as I shall conceive may best conduce to the preventing thereof. And whereas I do in my conscience believe, That the Forces raised by the Two Houses of Parliament, are raised and continued for their just Defence, and for the De-
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ference of the true Protestant Religion and Liberties of the Subject, against the Forces raised by the **King**: I do here in the presence of Almighty God, Declare, Vow, and Covenant, That I will, according to my power and Vocation, assist the Forces raised and continued by both Houses of Parliament, against the Forces raised by the **King** without their consent; and will likewise assist all other persons that shall take this Oath, in what they shall do in pursuance thereof, and will not directly or indirectly adhere unto, nor shall willingly assist the Forces raised by the **King** without the consent of both Houses of Parliament. And this Vow and Covenant I make in the presence of Almighty God, the Searcher of all hearts with a true intention to perform the same, as I shall answer at the great Day, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed.

The Solemn League and Covenant.

1. **T**HAT we shall sincerely, really and constantly, through the grace of God, endeavour in our several places and callings the preservation of the Reformed Religion in the Church of *Scotland*, in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government against our common Enemies; the Reformation of Religion in the Kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*, in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government according to the Word of God, and the Example of the best Reformed Churches; And shall endeavour to bring the Churches of God in the Three Kingdoms,

Kingdoms, to the nearest Conjunction and Uniformity in Religion, Confession of Faith, Form of Church-government, Directory for Worship and Catechizing: That we and our Posterity after us may as Brethren live in faith and love, and the Lord may delight to dwell in the midst of us.

2. That we shall in like manner, without respect of persons, endeavour the extirpation of Popery, Prelacy, (that is Church-Government by Arch-Bishops, Bishops, their Chancellors and Commissaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-deacons, and all other Ecclesiastical Officers depending on that Hierarchy) Superstition, Heresie, Schism, Prophaness, and whatsoever shall be found to be contrary to sound Doctrin, and the power of godliness; lest we pertake in other mens sins, and thereby be in danger to receive of their plagues, and that the Lord may be one, and his Name one in the Three Kingdoms.

3. We shall with the some sincerity, reality, and constancy, in our several Vocations endeavour with our Estates and Lives, mutually to preserve the Rights and Priviledges of the Parliament, and the Liberties of the Kingdoms, and to preserve and defend the **Kings** Majesties Person and Authority, in the preservation and defence of the true Religion and Liberties of the Kingdoms, that the world may bear witness with our consciences of our loyalty; And that we have no thoughts or intentions to diminish his Majesties just power and greatness.

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4. We shall also with all faithfulness endeavour the discovery of all such as have been or shall be Incendiaries, Malignants, or evil Instruments, by hindring the Reformation of Religion, dividing the ~~King~~ King from his people, or one of the Kingdoms from another, or making any Faction or Parties amongst the people contrary to this League and Covenant, that they may be brought to publick Tryal, and receive condign punishment as the degree of their Offences shall require or deserve, or the Supream Judicatories of both Kingdoms respectively, or others, having power from them for that effect, shall udg convenient.

5. And whereas the happiness of a blessed Peace between these Kingdoms, denied in former times to our Progenitors, is by the good providence of God granted unto us, and hath been lately concluded and settled by both Parliaments, we shall each one of us, according to our place and interest, endeavour that they may remain conjoynd in a firm Peace and Union to all Posterity; And that Justice may be done upon the wilful Opposers thereof, in manner expressed in the present Articles.

6. We shall also, according to our places and callings, in this Common Cause of Religion, Liberty and Peace of the Kingdoms, assist, and defend all those that enter into this League and Covenant, in the maintaining and pursuing thereof, and shall not suffer our selves directly or indirectly, by whatsoever combination, perswasion or terror, to be divided and withdrawn from

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from this blessed Union and Conjunction, whether to make defection to the contrary part, or give our selves to a detestable indifferency or neutrality in this Cause; which so much concerneth the glory of God, the good of the Kingdoms, and Honour of the **King**, but shall all the dayes of our lives zealously and constantly continue therein against all opposition, and promote the same according to our power against all Lets and Impediments whatsoever, and what we are not able our selves to suppress or overcome, we shall reveal and make known, that it may be timely prevented or removed, all which we shall do as in the sight of God.

And because these Kingdoms are guilty of many sins and provocations against God, and his Son Jesus Christ, as is too manifest by our present distresses and dangers, the fruits thereof. We profess and declare before God and the world, our unfeigned desire to be humbled for our own sins, and for the sins of these Kingdoms, especially that we have not as we ought valued the inestimable benefit of the Gospel, that we have not laboured for the purity and power thereof, and that we have not endeavoured to receive Christ in our hearts, nor to walk worthy of him in our lives, which are the causes of other sins and transgressions, so much abounding amongst us. And our true and unfeigned purpose, desire, and indeavour for our selves and all others under our power and charge, both in publick and in private, in all duties we owe to God and man, to amend our lives and

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each one to go before another in the example of a real Reformation, that the Lord may turn away his wrath and heavy indignation, and establish these Churches and Kingdoms in truth and peace. And this Covenant we make in the presence of Almighty God, the Searcher of all hearts, with all true intention to perform the same, as we shall answer at that great day, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, most humbly beseeching the Lord to strengthen us by his holy Spirit for this end, and to bless our desires and proceedings with success, as may be deliverance and safety to his people, and encouragement to other Christian Churches, groaning under, or in danger of the yoke of Antichristian Tyranny, to joyn in the same, or like Association and Covenant to the glory of God, the enlargement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, and the Peace and Tranquility of Christian Kingdoms and Commonwealths.

The Coronation Oath of King Charles the Second.

Arch-Bishop: Sir, will you grant and keep, and by your Oath confirm to the people of *England*, the Laws and Customs to them granted by the **Kings** of *England*, your Lawful and Religious Predecessors; And namely, the Laws, Customs, and Franchizes, granted to the Clergy by the Glorious **King** *Saint Edward* your Predecessor, according to the Laws of God, the
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true Profession of the Gospel Established in this Kingdom, agreeable to the prerogative of the Kings thereof, and the Ancient Customs of the Realm?

King, I grant and Promise to keep them.

Arch-Bishop, Sir, will you keep Peace and Godly Agreement (according to your Power) both to God, the Holy Church, the Clergy and the People?

King, I will keep it.

Arch-bishop, Sir will you to your power cause Law, Justice and discretion in mercy and truth to be Executed to your Judgement?

King, I will.

Arch-bishop, Sir, will you grant to hold and keep the Laws and rightful Customs which the Commonalty of this your Kingdome have, and will you defend and uphold them, to the honour of God, so much as in you lies?

King, I grant and Promise so to do.

*The Form of **The Oath** to be taking by all Officers of the Excise Office directed by the Stat. of 12 Car. 2. Cap. 23. & 24.*

You shall swear; to Execute the Office of truly and faithfully without favour or affection, and shall from time to time, true Account make and deliver to such person and persons as his Majesty shall appoint to receive the same; and shall take no Fee, or reward for the Execution of the said Office, from any o-

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other person then from his Majesty, or those whom his Majesty shall appoint in that behalf. So help you God.

By the Stat. of the 13 Car. 2d. Cap. 1. It is (*inter alia*) Enacted, that all persons, who upon the 24 of December, 1661. shall be Mayors, Aldermen, Recorders, Bayliffes, Town Clerks, Common-Council men, and other persons then bearing any Office or Offices of Magistracy, or places of Trust, or other Employment relating to, or concerning the Government of the said respective Cities, Corporations, and Burroughs, and Cinque ports, and their members, and other Port Towns shall at any time before the 25. day of March, 1663. when they shall be thereunto required by the said respective Commissioners, or any three or more of them, take the Oaths of Allegiance (a) and Supremacy (b) and this Oath following. (a) vide before fol. 36.
(b) vide before fol. 38.

The Oath to be taken by all Officers in Corporations &c. by the Stat. 13. Car. 2. cap. 1. and by all Officers of the Militia, and Soldiers, by the Statute 13 and 14. Car. 2. cap. 3.

I A. B. do declare and believe that it is not lawful upon any pretence whatsoever to take Arms against the King; And that I do abhor that Traiterous position of taking Arms by his Authority

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Authority against his person, or against those that are Commissionated by him. So help me God.

And also at the same time shall publickly Subscribe before the said Commissioners or any three of them, this following *Declaration*.

Declaration to be Subscribed by all Officers of Corporations by the Statute. 13. Car. 2d. Cap. 1.

I A. B. do declare, that I hold that there lies no Obligation upon me or any other person from the Oath Com-
(a) vide before fol. 226: monly called *The Solemn League and Covenant* (a)

And that the same was in it self an unlawful Oath, and Imposed upon the Subjects of this Realm against the known Laws, and Liberties, of the Kingdome.

Declaration of Assent and Consent to the Book of Common-Prayer, to be subscribed by all Parsons, Vicars, and Ministers, by the Statute of 13. and 14. Car. 2d. Cap. 4.

I A. B. do hereby declare my unfeigned Assent and Consent to all and every thing Contained and prescribed in and by the Book, Intituled, The Book of Common-prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other rights
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and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Church of *England*, together with the *Psalter* or *Psalms* of *David*, printed, as they are to be Sung, or said in Churches, and the form or manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of *Bishops, Priests, and Deacons*.

Declaration or acknowledgment, to be subscribed by all persons in holy Orders, and all School-masters, directed by the Statute of the 13 & 14 Car. 2. Cap. 4. and by all Vestry men by the Statute 14 Car. 2. Cap. 5.

I *A. B.* do declare, that it is not Lawful upon any pretence whatsoever to take Arms against the **King**. And that I do Abhor that Traiterous position of taking Arms by his authority against his person, or against those that are Commissioned by him; and that I will conform to the Liturgy of the Church of *England*, as it is now by Law Established: And I do declare that I do hold there lies no Obligation upon me, or any other person, from the Oath commonly called the *Solemn League and Covenant*, to endeavor any Change or Alteration of Government, either in Church, or State, and that the same was in it self an unlawful Oath, and imposed upon the Subjects of this Realm against the known Laws and Liberties of this Kingdome.

Note, By the said Statute of 13 & 14 Car. 2. Cap. 4. it is provided, that from and after the 25th. day of March, 1682. There shall be omitted in the abovementioned Declaration or Acknowledgment so to be Subscribed, these following words, (viz.)

And I do declare, That I do hold there lies no Obligation on me, or on any other Person from the **Oath**, commonly called the *Solemn League and Covenant*, to endeavour any Change or Alteration of Government either in Church or State; And that the same was in it self an unlawful **Oath**, and Imposed upon the Subjects of this Realm, against the known Laws and Liberties of this Kingdom.

The Oath to be taken by the Warden and Assistants of the Worsted Weavers, or Master-Weavers in the City of Norwich, and County of Norfolk, directed by the Statute of the 13 & 14 Car. 2. Cap. 5.

I A. B. do swear, That I will well, faithfully, and honestly perform, and discharge the Office of Warden of the said Trade of *Worsted-Weavers*, according to the best of my skill, power, and knowledge, So help me God.

The like Oath taking by the Assistants, *mutatis mutandis*.

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The Oath *to be taken by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Manufacture of Broad Woollen Cloath in the West Riding, in the County of York, directed by the Statute of the 13 & 14 Car.2. Cap. 32.*

I A. B. do swear, That I will well, faithfully, and honestly, perform, and discharge the Office of Master of the Corporation of the Free *Cloathiers* according to the best of my skill, power and knowledge. So help me God.

The like for the Wardens and Assistants, *mutatis mutandis.*

The Oath *of the Searchers of Broad Woollen Cloath within the said West Riding directed by the same Statute.*

I A. B. do swear, That I shall well, and truly Execute the Office of Searcher of Broad-Woollen-Cloath within the *West-Riding* of the County of *York*, according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, and according to the best of my skill and knowledge. So help me God.

The Oath to be taken by the Commissioners appointed for settling the draining the Fens called Bedford Level, directed by the Statute of the 15 Car. 2. Cap. 17.

I A. B. Shall, and will without favour or affection, hatred or malice, truly and impartially, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute, and perform, all and every the Powers and Authorities Established by this Act of Parliament. So help me God.

The Oath of the Surveyors of the same Level directed to be taken by the Statute of the 20 Car. 2. Cap. 8.

I A. B. do swear, That according to the best of my skill and knowledge, I will faithfully discharge the trust of Surveying, Sorting, Dividing, and Rateing of Eighty three Thousand Acres parcel of ninety five Thousand Acres within the great Level of the Fens, known by the name of Bedford-Level, according to seven degrees or more, as I upon my Oath shall think most equal. So help me God.

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The Form of the Oath required by the Statute of the 17 Car. 2. Cap. 2. to be taken by all Ministers dwelling within Five Miles of a Corporation, who have not subscribed the Assent and Consent, and the Declaration mentioned in the Statute of the 13 & 14 Car. 2. Cap. 4. before specified.

I A. B. do swear, That it is not Lawful upon any pretence whatsoever, to take Arms against the King, And that I do abhor that Traiterous position of taking Arms by his Authority against his Person, or against those that are Commissioned by him, in pursuance of such Commissions; And that I will not at any time endeavour any alteration of Government either in Church or State. So help me God.

The Form of the Oath to be taken by the President, Warden, and Assistants of the Kidderminster-Weavers, directed by the Statute of the 22 & 23 Car. 2. Cap. 8.

I A. B. do swear, That I will well, faithfully, and honestly perform and discharge the Office of President, or Warden, or Assistant—*mutatis mutandis*—of the Trade of Cloathiers and Stuff Weavers within the Burrough and Parish of Kidderminster according to the best of my skill, power, and knowledge. So help me God.

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*The Form of **The Oath** to be taken by poor Prisoners, not worth 10. l. directed by the Stat. 22 and 23 Car. 2. Cap. 20.*

I A. B. do upon my Corporal Oath, Solemly profess and declare before Almighty God, that I have not any Estate real or personal in possession, reversion, or remainder of the value of ten pounds in the whole, or sufficient to pay the Debt, or Damages, for which I am imprisoned, And that I have not directly or Indirectly, sold, Leased, or otherwise conveyed disposed of or intrusted all, or any part of my Estate, thereby to secure the same, to receive or expect any profit, or Advantage thereof, or defraud, or deceive any Creditor, or Creditors whatsoever, to whom I stand Indebted.

The Test or Declaration to be Subscribed by all Persons that shall bear any Offices, or places of Trust directed by the Act made for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants, 25 Car. 2. Cap. 2.

When the persons concerned in this Act shall take the aforesaid Oaths of (a) Supremacy and (a) see fol. 38 (b) Allegiance they shall (b) see foll. 36. likewise make and Subscribe this Declaration following viz.

I A. B.

I A. B. do declare, That I do believe that there is not any *Transubstantiation* in the *Sacrament* of the Lords Supper, or in the Elements of Bread and Wine, at or after the Consecration thereof by any person whatsoever.

The Form of the Declaration directed by the Stat. 30. Car. 2. Cap. 1. to be subscribed by all Peers or Members of the House of Lords, and Members of the House of Commons, before they can vote in either of the said Houses.

Note, They are first to take the **Oath** of Allegiance, and Supremacy, and then make and Subscribe the following Declaration, viz.

I A. B. do Solemnly, and Sincerely in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare That I do believe, that in the *Sacrament* of the Lords Supper, there is not any *Transubstantiation* of the *Elements* of Bread and Wine, into the Body and Blood of *Christ*, at or after the Consecration thereof, by any person whatsoever : And that the Invocation, or Adoration of the *Virgin Mary*, or any other Saint, and the Sacrifice of the *Mass*, as they are now used in the Church of *Rome*, are *Superstitious*, and *Idolatrous*. And I do Solemnly in the presence of God profess, testify, and Declare, that I do, make this Declaration

claration, and every part thereof in the plain and Ordinary Sense of the words read unto me, as they are Commonly understood by *English Protestants*, without any Evasion, Equivocation, or mental Reservation, whatsoever, and without any Dispensation already granted me for this purpose, by the *Pope*, or any other Authority or person whatsoever, or without any hope of any such Dispensation from any person or Authority whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God, or Man, or absolved of this Declaration or any part thereof, altho the *Pope* or any other person or persons or power whatsoever should dispence with or Annul the same, or declare that it was Null, and void from the beginning.

The Oath of the Recorder.

Y^e shall swear, That ye shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lord the **King** of *England*, and to his Heirs and lawful Successors, and to the City of *London* in the Office of Recorder, and Franchizes and Customs of the same City within the City and without, after your power ye shall maintain, and the Counsel of the said City ye shall not discover which should turn or be to the hurt of the same City; Also ye shall well and continually, keep and rule the **kings Majesties** Courts, in the Chamber, and in the Huttings, after the Custome of this City, and

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ye shall not let for gift, ne for favour, for promise, ne for hate, but Law and right ye shall do to all manner of people as well to Poor as Rich, Denizens and Strangers, That before you shall plead in Hustings pleas, and other and all manner of pleas, that before you shall be pleaded ye shall well and truly record, and your diligence ye shall do to see the said plea be well and lawfully enrolled. Also right shall none let, neither no Judgments tarry without Cause reasonable; And if ye know where the profit or the right of the City, be it in Lands, or Rents, is with-drawn or concealed ye shall shew it to the Mayor, and to the Aldermen for the Salvation of the right of the City, and ready ye shall be to come at the warning of the Mayor and Sheriffs, or their Ministers for good and wise Counsel to give, and to ride and go with them at all times when need shall be to maintain the State of this City, Also ye shall attend to save, and maintain the Right of Orphans after the Laws and Usages of this City. Also ye shall Swear, that you shall take no money, reward, nor gift, wittingly of any person for any matter moved and hanging before the Mayor, Aldermen, or Sheriffs, or before the Mayor of this City of *London*, for the time being, Also ye shall take no manner of money nor other reward, for any matter, or cause moved or hanging in any Court of this City wherein by reason of your Office, you shall have any Authority or power, except only the Fees to your Office, of Old time due, used, and accustomed,

Customed : Also ye shall bear all manner of Taxes and all other charges to you to be levied within this City during your Office, like as Citizens, of this City shall do for their part, and thus ye shall do. As God you help.

The Oath of the Common-Council men within the City of London of Old time used and accustomed.

YE shall swear, That ye shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, That now is, and to his Heirs and lawful Successors, and readily come when ye be summoned to the Common Council of this City, but if ye be reasonably Excused ; And good and true Counsel ye shall give in all things touching the Commonwealth of this City, after your wit and cunning : And that for favour of any man ye shall maintain no singular profit against the Common profit of this City : And after that ye be come to the Common-Council, ye shall not from thence depart till the Common-Council be ended, without reasonable cause be, else by the Mayors License : And also that all secret things that be spoken, or said in the Common-Council, the which ought to be kept Secret ye shall in no wise disclose. As God you help.

The Oath of the Attornyes of the Sheriffs Courts, London.

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and Lawfully do your Office of Attorny, and well and Lawfully Examine your Client and their Quarrel without Champerty, and without procuring of any Juries, or any Enquest embracing; And that ye shall change no quarrel out of his nature after your understanding, Also ye shall plead, *Ne Ley*, ne suffer to be pleaded, or Leyed by your assent no forreign Release, acquittance, payment, Arbitration, plain account whatsoever it be to put the Court out of its Jurisdiction, nor none other matter, but it be such as ye may find rightful and true by the Information of your Client, whose Information and saying upon your *Oath*, and Conscience ye shall think to the true. And ye shall not Inform ne Enforce any man to sue falsely against any person by false or forged Action. Ready ye shall be at all times to come and attend at the warning of the Mayor and of the Sheriffs of the said City, unless ye be letted about the business of this City, or for some other reasonable cause. The Franchizes, Laws, and Ordinances, of this City you shall keep, and do to be kept to your power. And that well and lawfully ye shall do all things that to the Office of Attorney pertaineth to do. As God help you.

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**The Oath of the Constables within the City
of London.**

Ye shall swear, That ye shall keep the peace of our Sovereign Lord the King well and Lawfully after your power : And ye shall Arrest all them that make contest, Riot, Debate , or Affray , in Breaking of the said Peace, and lead them to the House or Compter of one of the Sheriffs : And if ye be withstood by strength of Misdoers, ye shall rear on them an Outcry, and pursue them from Street to Street, and from Ward to Ward, till they be arrested : And ye shall search at all times, when ye be required by the Scavengers, or Beadles, the Common Noyfance of your Ward : And the Beadle and Raker ye shall help to rear and gather in their Sallary and Quarterage, if ye be thereunto by them required. And if any thing be done within your Ward, against the Ordinance of this City , such defaults as ye shall find there done, ye shall then present to the Mayor and Ministers of this City, And if ye be letted by any person or persons, that ye may not duely do your Office ye shall certify the Mayor and Council of the City of the name or names of him, or them, that so let you; ye shall also, swear that during the time that ye shall stand in the Office and occupy the Room of Constable, ye shall once at the least every Month certify and shew to one of the Clerks

of the Mayors Court, and in the same Court as well the names as Surnames of all Freemen which ye shall know to be deceased within the Month in the Parish wherein ye be inhabited, as also the names and Surnames of all the Children of the said Freemen so deceased, being Orphants of this City : And you shall Enquire of all and every the Offences done contrary to the Statutes made. 1. 4. &. 21. *Fac.* to restrain the Inordinate haunting and tipling in Inns, and Alehouses, and for repressing of Drunkenness, and other disorders, and thereof due presentments make, according to the same Statutes. And thus ye shall not leave to do. As God you help.

The Oath *of an Appraiser of Goods within the City of London.*

You, and every of you shall swear, That the Appraisement of the Goods and Chattels of *A. B.* Late Citizen and Mercer of *London*, deceased, shall be a just and true valuation and Appraisement of the same Goods and Chattels according to the best of your Judgments and Skill. So help you God.

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You, and either of you, shall swear, that the Appraisement you have made of the Goods and Chattels in this Schedule, or Inventory

tory specified whereunto you have Subscribed your names is a just and true valuation and Appraisalment of the same Goods, and Chattels according to the best of your Judgments and skills. So help you God.

The Oath of a Garnishee upon a Forraign Attachment in London.

You shall swear, That at the time of the Attachment made which was the day of Last past between the hours of Nine and Ten, in the forenoon of the same day, or at any time since, you had not owed nor did detain, nor yet have owed or do detain from C. in the Bill Original and Attachment aforesaid, the Defendant named, any part of the said Sum of so as aforesaid, nor any peny thereof in manner and Form as the plaintiff by his Bill Original, and Attachment aforesaid hath Supposed. So help you God.

The Oath of an Attorney of the Mayors Court.

You shall swear, That you shall well and lawfully do your Office of Attorney and well, and lawfully examine your Clients and their quarrells without Champerty, and without procuring of any Juries or any Enquests embracing. And that you shall change no quarrel

out of its nature after your understanding, and you shall plead ne ley nor suffer to be pleaded or leyd by your assent no Forreign release, acquittance, payment, Arbitration, plain Accompt whatsoever it be to put the Court out of its Jurisdictions nor none other matter but it be such as you shall find rightful, and true by the Information of your Clients whose Information and saying upon your *Oath* and *Conscience* you shall believe to be true, and you shall not inform, ne inforce any man to sue falsely against any persons, by false or forged Actions; Attendant ye shall be upon the Mayor of the said City for the time being, and ready ye shall be at all times to come at the warning of the said Mayor, but if ye be letted by the business of the said City or by some other reasonable cause ye shall not deliver any Book or any manner of Copy to any person of anything that toucheth the Liberty of this City without License and oversight of the Mayor, Recorder, and Town Clerks of this City for the time being, or of two of them, or shew to any person any Book, concerning the Customs of the said City, nor suffer any person to look upon any such Book of Customs at any time saving only the Council of this City, but that ye shall keep the same Book secret among your selves, The secrets of this Court ye shall keep, and not disclose any thing there spoken for the Common Weal of the said City that might hurt any person or Brother of the said Court unless it be spoken to his said Brother, or to other which in his
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Conscience or discretion he shall think it to be for the Common Weal of this City : And that well and lawfully ye shall do all such things that to the Office of Attorney pertaineth to do : As God you help.

The Oath of an Executor.

You shall swear, That this Writing contains the true last Will of the above named *A. B.* deceased, as far as you know or believe, and that you will well and truly perform the same by paying first his Debts, and then the Legacies contained in the said Will as far as his Goods, Chattels and Credits will thereunto extend, and the Law charge you : And that you will make a true and perfect Inventory of all the said Goods, Chattels and Credits, as also a just account when thereunto required : So help you God.

The Oath of an Administrator.

You shall swear, That the abovenamed *A. B.* deceased, died without any Will as far as you know or believe, and that you will well and truly administer all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said deceased, and pay his Debts as far as his Goods, Chattels and Credits will thereunto extend, and the Law require you. And that you will make a
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true and perfect Inventory of all the said Goods, Chattels and Credits, as also a just account when thereunto required: So help you God.

The Oath of a Jury of Women returned to try whether a Woman convicted that pleads her Belly be quick with Child.

You as fore Matron of this Jury shall swear, That you shall search and try the Prisoner at the Bar, whether she be quick with Child, and thereof a true Verdict shall return: So help you God.

The same Oath that *A. B.* your fore Matron hath taken on her part, you, and every of you shall well and truly observe and keep of your parts: So help you God.

The Oath of an Ale-taster within a Leet.

You shall well and truly execute the Office of Ale-taster within this Leet, you shall see that all Victuals, Bread, and Beer put to sale within this Leet, be sweet and wholesome, and of full weight and measure, and you shall in all other things execute the said Office of Ale-taster within this Leet, according to the best of your skill and knowledg: So help you God.

The Oath of a Surveyer of the Moors.

You shall well and truly execute the Office of Surveyor of the Moors within this Mannor, you shall see that all Orders and By-laws made for the good Government of the Moors be duly observed, and shall present the Offenders at the next Court that shall be holden for this Mannor, and all other things belonging to that Office you shall well and truly execute according to the best of your skill and knowledge : So help you God.

The Oath of Leather-Searchers.

You shall do your best and utmost endeavour to see and try all such Leather as shall be brought to this Town to be sold, and such as you shall find to be sufficiently Tanned and dressed, you shall mark and seal according to the Statute for that purpose appointed, and such as you shall find sold or bought, or offered to be sold not sufficiently Tanned and dressed, you shall seize and retain in your hands until the same may be examined and tried by six skilful persons upon their Oaths, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided.

You shall also keep a Book, and therein truly Register all such Bargains and Sales as shall be made of Leather, Hides or Skins, during the times of Fairs or Markets within this Town, together

gether with the prizes thereof, and the names and dwellings of the said Buyers and Sellers being thereunto required by either of them, taking for your pains therein such allowances as by the Statute is appointed.

And you shall in all other things appertaining to the said Office well and truly behave your self to the best of your Skill, and knowledge. So help you God.

The Oath to be Administred to any that prosecute the peace against any Delinquent.

The peace which you require against *A.B.* is not out of any ill will, or Malice which you bear to him but that you stand in fear of your Life, or some other bodily hurt to be done by him unto you, or by some other person by his procurement. So help you God,

The Oath of a Jury upon Traverse

You shall well and truly try this Issue of Traverse between our Sovereign Lord the King and *A. B.* whom you have in Charge according to your Evidence. So help you God.

The Oath of Tales de Circumstantibus.

You shall well and truly try the Issue of this *Nisi prius* between the parties according to your Evidence. So help you God.

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The Oath of the Lord Mayor of London.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and lawfully serve the ~~King~~ Majesty in the Office of Mayoralty in the City of *London*, and the same City ye shall surely and safely keep to the behoof of his Highness, his Heirs and lawful Successors, and the Profit of the *King* ye shall do; In all things that to you belongeth, and the Right of the *King* that to the Crown appertaineth in the same City of *London*, lawfully ye shall keep. Ye shall not consent to the decrease, ne concealment of the Rights, ne of the Franchises of the *King*; and where ye shall know the Rights of the *King* or of the Crown be it in Lands, or in Rents, franchises, or Suits concealed or withdrawn, to your Power ye shall do to repeal it; and if you may not, ye shall say it to the *King*, or to them of his Council, that you wete will say it to the *King*. Also lawfully and rightfully ye shall intreat the people of your Bailwick, and Right shall ye do to every one, as well to Strangers as others, to Poor, as to Rich, in that belongeth you to do, and that for Highness, ne for Riches, for Gift, ne for Behest, for favour, ne for Hate, wrong shall ye do to no Man, ne nothing shall ye take by which the *King* shall leese, or Right be disturbed or letted; and good Assise shall ye set upon Bread, [Wine] Ale, Fish, Flesh, Corn, and all others Victuals; Weights and Measures
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n the same City, ye shall do to be kept, and due Execution do upon the Defaults that thereof shall be found according to all the Statutes thereof made, not repealed, and in all other things that to a Mayor of the City of *London*, belongeth to do, well and lawfully ye shall do and behave you. As God you help.

The Oath of an Alderman in London.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and lawfully serve our Sovereign Lord the *King* in the City of *London*, in the Office of Alderman, in the Ward of N——wherein ye shall be chosen Alderman, and every other Ward whereof ye shall be chosen Alderman hereafter, and lawfully ye shall entreat the People of the same Ward of such things as to them appertaineth to do, for keeping of the City, and for maintaining of the Peace in the same; and the Laws and Franchises of this City, ye shall keep and maintain, within the City and without, after your wit and power; and attendant ye shall be to maintain the right of Orphans after the Laws and Usages of the same City; and ready ye shall be to come at the Summons, and Warning of the Mayor and Ministers of this City for the time being, to speed the Assises, Pleas, and Judgments of the Hustings, and other needs of this City, if you be not let by the needs of the *King*, or by some other reasonable Cause; and good and lawful Counsel ye shall

shall give for such things as touch the common Profit of the City; and ye shall sell no manner Viſtual by retail, as Bread, Ale, Wine, Fleſh, and Fiſh, by your Apprentice, Allowes, Servants, ne by any other way, ne Profit ſhall ye none take of any ſuch manner Viſtual ſo ſold during your Office. The Secrets of this Court ye ſhall keep, and not diſcloſe any thing here ſpoken for the Common wealth of this City, or that might hurt any Perſon, or Brother of this ſaid Court, unleſs it be ſpoken to your Brother or to any other, which in your Conſcience and Diſcretion ye ſhall think to be for the Common-wealth of this City; and well and lawfully ye ſhall behave you in the ſaid Office, and in all other things touching the ſaid City. As God you help.

The Oath of the Sherifff of London.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be good and true unto our Sovereign Lord the *King of England*, and unto his Heirs and Succeſſors, and the Franchiſe of the City of *London* within and without ye ſhall ſave and maintain to your power; and ye ſhall well and lawfully keep the Shires of *London*, and *Middleſex*, and the Offices that to the ſame Shires appertain to be done well and lawfully ye ſhall do after your wit and power; and Right ye ſhall do as well to poor, as rich, and good Cuſtom you ſhall none break, ne evil Cuſtoms arrere; and the *Aſſiſe of Bread,*
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Ale, and all other Victuals within the Franchise of this City, and without, well and lawfully ye shall keep, and do to be kept; and the Judgments and Executions of your Court, ye shall not tarry without cause reasonable; ne Right shall you none disturb. The Writs that to you come touching the State and Franchise of this City, you shall not return till you have shewed them to the Mayor and the Council of this City for the time being, and of them have Advise ment; and ready you shall be at reasonable warning of the Mayor, for keeping of the Peace, and maintaining the State of this City; and all other things that longen to your Office and the keeping of the said Shires, lawfully you shall do, by you and yours, and the City you shall keep from harm after your Power, and the Shire of *Middlesex*; ne the Goal of *Newgate* you shall not lett to farm. As God you help.

A D D I T I O N.

Ye shall also swear, That ye shall freely give all such Rooms and Offices of Serjeants and Yeomen as shall happen to become void during the time ye shall remain in the Office of Shrievalty, to such apt and able Person or Persons as shall be by you nominated to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, and by them admitted, without any Mony or other Reward to be had, taken, or hoped for in respect thereof

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of, according to the Act of Common Council made and provided in that behalf, the *nine and twentieth* day of *April*, in the *six and twentieth* Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady *Queen Elizabeth*, &c. As God you help.

The Oath of the *Common Clerk, or Town Clerk* of London.

Ye shall swear, That you shall be good and true to our Sovereign Lord the *King* and to his Heirs and lawful Successors; and the *City of London*, and the Liberties and Franchises of the same, to your power ye shall maintain and defend; and the Counsel of the said *City* ye shall keep, and the Harm of the same ye shall not know, but ye shall open it unto the Mayor and Aldermen of the said *City* for the time being; and attendant ye shall be upon the Mayor of the said *City* for the time being; and ready ye shall be at all times to come at the warning of the said Mayor, but if you be letted about the businels of this *City*, or by some other reasonable cause. Also resiant and dwelling ye shall be within the *City* during your Office, and all Pleas of Hustings, and all other Pleas and Records that to you belongeth to enter, ye shall truly enrol and enter; and all things that cometh to your keeping as well Records as other things of the *City*, ye shall do your diligence safely to keep; ye shall shew, ne deliver no Rcord, nor other Mynument of the

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City, whereby the City might be hurt, nor no Record that toucheth the Right of any Person, ye shall hide, conceal, ne deny; and good Counsel alter your Wit and Power, ye shall give in all things touching the Weal of this City. Also ye shall keep no Clerk under you, but such as shall be able and admitted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City for the time being, and sworn before the said Mayor and Aldermen; nor any such Clerk remove without the Assent of the said Mayor and Aldermen. Also ye shall swear, That you shall take no Money, Reward, nor Gift of any Person for any matter to be moved, or the which shall hang before the Mayor, Aldermen, or Sheriffs, or before the Mayor of this City of *London*, for the time being. Also ye shall take no manner of Money, nor other Reward for any Matter or Cause which shall be moved, or hang in any Court of this City, wherein by reason of your Office, ye shall have any Authority or power, except only the Fees to your Office of Old times due, used and accustomed. Also ye shall bear and pay all manner Taxes, and all others Charges to you to be laid within this City, like as Citizens of the same City shall do for their part during your Office; and in all other things to your Office appertaining, well and lawfully ye shall behave you. As God you help.

**The Oath of the Common Serjeant within
the City of London.**

YE shall swear, That ye shall well and lawfully serve the City of *London*, in the Office of Common Serjeant; and the Laws usages and Franchise of the same City, ye shall keep and defend, within the City and without after your Wit and Power; and the right of Orphans of this City ye shall pursue, save and maintain; and good and lawful Councils ye shall give in all things touching the common profit of this City; and the Council of the same City ye shall keep; and the common harm of this City ye shall not know, but you shall after your power let it, or give it in knowledge to the Council of this City; and attendant ye shall be on the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, for causes and needs of this City, at all times when ye shall be required and charged, and in all Places where need is, lawfully to shew and declare, and attendantly pursue for the common profit of this City. Also ye shall swear, That you shall take no Money, Reward, nor Gift of any Person for any Matter to be moved, the which shall hang before the Mayor, Aldermen or Sheriffs, or before the Mayor of the City of *London* for the time being. Also ye shall take no manner of Money nor other Reward for any Matter or Cause which shall be moved or hung in any Court

of this City, wherein by reason of your Office you shall have any Authority or power, except only the Fees to your Office, of old time due, used and accustomed. Also ye shall bear and pay all manner of Taxes, and all other Charges to you to be layed within this City, like as Citizens of the same City shall do for their part, during your Office. As God you help.

The Coronation Oath of King James the Second.

Arch Bishop: Sir, will you grant and keep, and by your Oath confirm to the people of *England*, the Laws and Customs to them granted by the **kings** of *England*, your Lawful and Religious Predecessors; And namely, the Laws, Customs, and Franchizes, granted to the Clergy by the Glorious **king** Saint *Edward* your Predecessor, according to the Laws of God, the true Profession of the Gospel Established in this Kingdom, agreeable to the prerogative of the Kings thereof, and the Ancient Customs of the Realm?

king, I grant and Promise to keep them.

Arch-Bishop, Sir, will you keep Peace and Godly Agreement (according to your Power) both to God, the Holy Church, the Clergy and the People?

king, I will keep it.

Arch-bishop, Sir will you to your power
cause

cause Law, Justice and discretion in mercy and truth to be Executed to your Judgement?

King, I will.

Arch-bishop, Sir, will you grant to hold and keep the Laws and rightful Customs which the Commonalty of this your Kingdome have, and will you defend and uphold them, to the honour of God, so much as in you lies?

King, I grant and Promise so to do.

The Oaths appointed to be taking by Members in Parliament, and others in Offices of Trust, in the Place of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy. Statute Anno. 1. Willielmi & Mariæ.

I A. B. do sincerely Promise and Swear, That I will be Faithful, and bear true Allegiance to their Majesties, King *WILLIAM* and Queen *MARY*. So help me God, &c.

I A. B. do Swear, That I do from my Heart Abhor, Detest, and Abjure, as Impious and Heretical, that Damnable Doctrine and Position, *That Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be Deposed or Murthered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever.*

And I do Declare, That no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or

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ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preeminence, or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Realm. So help me God, &c.

*The Coronation Oath established per Stat.
Primo Gulielmi & Mariæ.*

The Arch-Bishop or Bishop shall say,

Will You solemnly Promise and Swear to Govern the People of this Kingdom of England, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, according to the Statutes in Parliament Agreed on, and the Laws and Customs of the same?

The King and Queen shall say,
I solemnly Promise so to do.

Arch-Bishop or Bishop.

Will You to Your power cause Law and Justice in Mercy to be Executed in all Your Judgments.

King and Queen.

I will.

Arch-Bishop or Bishop.

Will You to the utmost of Your power Maintain the Laws of God, the true Profession of the Gospel, and the *Protestant* Reformed Religion Established by Law? And will You Preserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of this Realm, and to the Churches committed to their Charge, all such Rights and Priviledges as by Law do or shall appertain unto them, or any of them?

King

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King and Queen.

All this I Promise to do.

After this, the King and Queen laying His and Her Hand upon the Holy Gospels, shall say,

King and Queen.

The things which I have here before Promised, I will Perform and Keep. So help me God.

Then the King and Queen shall kiss the Book.

The Declaration of Fidelity: And Subscription of a Profession of the Christian Belief to be Subscribed by Dissenters according to the Stat. Primo. Gulielmi & Mariae.

I **A. B.** Do sincerely Promise, and solemnly Declare before God and the World, that I will be True and Faithful to King *William* and Queen *Mary*; And I do Solemnly Profess and Declare, that I do from my Heart Abhor, Detest, and Renounce as Impious and Heretical, that damnable Doctrine and Position, That Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of *Rome*, may be Deposed or Murthered by Their Subjects, or any other whatsoever. And I do Declare, that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to have any Power, Jurisdiction, Superiority, Preeminence
or

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or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within
this Realm.

To Subscribe this Profession of their Christian Belief.

I M. B. Profess Faith in God the Father, And
in Jesus Christ his Eternal Son, the true
God, And in the Holy Spirit, one God Blessed
for evermore; And do acknowledge the Holy
Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be
given by Divine Inspiration.

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APPENDIX

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OATHS.

AN Oath, is an Affirmation or Denial of any Thing before one or more, who have Authority to give the same for the advancement of Truth and Right, calling God to Witness that the Testimony is true ; and tis called a **Corporal Oath**, because he toucheth the Scripture with his Hand.

There were Four sorts of Oaths required of Subjects to testify their **Allegiance** to the King.

The 1st. was an Oath at Common Law, taken in the Court-Leet.

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The 2d. was by Act of Parliament 28 H. 8. cap. 7. which concerned the **Supremacy**.

The 3d was *per Statute* 1 Eliz. Cap. 1. which altered the **Oath of Supremacy**.

The 4th, was the **Oath of Allegiance**, *per Stat.* 6 and 7 Jac. 1. and upon this last Act the Lord *Vaux* was Indicted, he refusing to take the **Oath**; and being Convicted on his own Conviction, had Judgment of *Premunire*.

If an **Oath** be taken before a Magistrate who hath no Authority to Administer, 'tis void; but if 'tis Voluntary and False, the Offender was punish'd formerly in the *Star Chamber*; and if it 'tis in a Spiritual Matter, *viz.* if a Woman swear to Marry a Man, and doth not, she may be punish'd in the Ecclesiastical Court *pro Lefione Fidei*. Cro. Eliz. 469. Knight *vers.* Rushworth.

Peers are sworn as Witnesses, *in Furamentum probationis*: But when they are Defendants, they answer upon their Honour. *Jones* 154. *the Earl of Lincoln's Case*.

Oath to be taken by His Majesty's Household Servants.

I A. B. shall swear by the Faith you owe unto God, and to the holy Evangelist, to be a faithful and true Servant to Our Sovereign Lord George King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. You shall nothing know that shall be Hurtful or Prejudicial to His Per-

Person, or to His Estate Royal ; but in case you shall know any such Things, you shall do your Endeavour to lett it, or else in as short time as conveniently you may, give knowledge thereof to the **King's Majesty**, or some of His Highness's Privy Council. You shall truly serve His **Majesty** in the Office you are call'd unto, (*viz.*)

And you shall diligently and truly Exercise and Intend the said Office and Service, as to it appertaineth. (Also you shall obey the Lord Steward, *Mr.* Treasuerer and Comptroller, and all such Officers and Ministers that be in His **Majesty's** Household, and have Power to Command and Charge you by virtue of their Offices.) And shall obey and observe all such Rules, Ordinances, and Directions as be made to His **Majesty's** Honour and Profit, to your Power. You shall not depart out of His **Majesty's** Service without reasonable Warning, nor out of the Court for any long time, (Licence of the Officers of the same.)

To a White-Staff, instead of the last Parenthesis, use these Words, *Leave from His Majesty, or Lord Steward for the time being.* And the first Parenthesis to be quite left out.

Oath of a Bailiff of a Liberty, 27 Eliz.
cap. 12.

I J. P. do swear, That I will not use or exercise the Office of a Bailiff in the Liberty of, &c. corruptly, during the Time I shall remain therein ; neither will I accept, receive, or take, by any Colour, Means or Device whatsoever, or consent to the taking any manner of Fee or Reward of any Person for Impannelling, or Returning any Inquest, Jury or Tales, in any Court of Record, for the **Queen**, or between Party and Party, above 2 s. or the value thereof, or such Fees which are allowed and appointed for the same by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm ; but will according to my power truly and indifferently, with convenient speed, Impannel all Jurors, and Return all such Writ or Writs touching the same, as shall appertain to be done by my Duty or Office, during the time I shall remain in the said Office. So help me God.

Oath of a Bailiff who attendeth on a Jury.

You shall well and truly keep together every Person sworn of this Jury, in some convenient Place, without Meat, Drink, Fire, Candle or Lodging : You shall not suffer any Person to speak unto them until they are agreed in their Verdict. So help you God.

Oath

Dath of a Church Warden.

Y^Du shall execute the Office of a Church-warden in the Parish where you are Chosen for this ensuing Year, according to your Skill and Discretion in His Majesty's Laws Ecclesiastical now in Force. So help you God.

Dath of a Constable.

Y^Du shall well and duly, according to your knowledge, power and ability, execute the Office of a Constable so long as you shall continue in that Office. So help you God.

Dath of a High Constable when he delivers in his Presentments.

Y^Du shall true Presentment make to the Grand Inquest of all Offences and Misdemeanours done or committed within your Hundred, and which are in anywise come to your knowledge, and belonging to you, to Present without any Concealment. So help you God.

Dath of a Petty Constable, or Headborough.

Y^Du shall swear well and truly to execute the Office of a Constable for the Parish of H, for the Year next ensuing, and until another

ther shall be sworn in your Room, or until you shall be lawfully Discharg'd from the said Office. So help you God.

Oath of a Coroner.

You shall swear, That you will truly serve the **King** and His People in the Office of a Coroner, as one of His Majesty's Coroners of this County of S. and therein you shall diligently and truly do all things appertaining to your said Office, according to the best of your knowledge and power, both for the **King's** Profit, and the Good of the Inhabitants within the said County, taking such Fees as you ought by Law. So help you God.

An Information against a Criminal.

The Information which you shall give on the behalf of our Sovereign Lord the **King**, against J. O. of, &c. shall be the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth. So help you God.

The Oath of a Jury of Matrons.

You the Forewoman of this Jury shall swear, That you shall search and try the Prisoner at the Bar, whether she be Quick with Child of a living Child, and thereof a true Verdict give according to the best of your Judgment. So help you God.

Oath

Oath of the Prisoner, per Stat. 2 William & Mary, cap. 15. *before he can be Discharged.*

I J. D. do swear, That on the 28th Day of *Novem.* 1690. I was actually a Prisoner in the Custody of the Goaler of, &c. in the County of, &c. at the Suit of W. C. without any Consent or Procurement, or by any Fraud or Collusion whatsoever, So help me God.

Oath of the Goaler, per Stat. 5 & 6 Will. cap. 2.

I A. L. do swear, That I have examined the Commitment, or Books belonging to the Prison of, &c. and that by them it doth appear, That J. O. was really and truly a Prisoner in the Custody of the then Goaler or Keeper of, &c. in the County of S. without any Fraud or Deceit by me, or any other to my knowledge or belief, at or upon the 28th Day of *Novem.* 1690. So help me God.

Oath of a Clerk of the Peace, 1 William & Mary, cap. 21.

I A. B. do swear, That I have not, nor will pay any Sum or Sums of Money, or other Reward whatsoever, nor given any Bond or other Assurance to pay any Money, Fee or Profit,

directly or indirectly to any Person or Persons whomsoever, for such nomination or appointment. So help me God.

Oath of the Officers at a Court Martial,
2 William & Mary. cap. 2.

Y^Ou shall well and truly Try, and Determine the Matter now before you between our Sovereign Lord and Lady the **King** and **Queens** Majesties, and the Prisoner to be Tryed.
So help you God.

Oath of the Governour and Deputy Governour of the Greenland Company, 4 & 5 William & Mary, cap. 17.

Y^Ou swear, That you shall assist, and with all your power support and maintain the Company of Merchants of *London*, Trading to *Greenland*, and the Privileges of the same, having no respect to your self, in derogation, hindrance, or prejudice of the good Government, Order and Common-weal thereof. The Bye-Laws and Ordinances which shall be made by Authority of this Company, and which are not repugnant to the Laws of this Kingdom, you shall uprightly and duly execute according to your knowledge thereof. And to every person you shall minister upright Justice. And you shall not engage or oblige the said Company in anywise, as Governour or Deputy

puty-Governour of the said Company, without agreement and consent of the Court of Committees of the said Company. So help you Almighty God.

Oath of the Committee of the Greenland Company, ibid.

Y**O****U** swear to be faithful and true, during the time of your Place of Trust as one of the Committees to the Company of Merchants of *London*, Trading to *Greenland*, and their Successors. The good Estate of the Adventurers in this present Joint-Stock you shall favour and affect, and the Privileges granted unto them (to your power) endeavour to maintain and preserve. You shall be careful to see and provide that an equal and indifferent Hand be carried in the Government of the Company, and in the Affairs thereof, to all the Adventurers that shall Adventure or put in Stock: And that an equal Division, from time to time, be made to all the Adventurers according to the Proportion of their several Stocks duly paid in. So help you God.

Oath of a Subscriber to the Greenland Trade, ibid.

Y**O****U** swear, That you will assist, and with all your power support and maintain the Company of Merchants of *London*, Trading to *Green-*

Greenland: The Bye-Laws and Ordinances which shall be made by Authority of this Company, which are not repugnant to the Laws of this Kingdom, you shall according to your knowledge thereof, uprightly and duly keep and obey. So help you God.

Oath of the Clerk of Estreates, 4 *E* 5 William *E* Mary, cap. 24.

You shall swear, That these Estreates now by you delivered, are truly and carefully made up and examined, and that all Fines, Issues, Amerciaments, Recognizances and Forfeitures which were set, lost, imposed or forfeited, and in right and in due Course of Law ought to be Estreated in the Court of Exchequer, are to the best of your knowledge and understanding therein contained; and that in the same Estreates are also contained and express'd all such Fines as have been paid into the Court from which the said Estreates are made, without any wilful or fraudulent discharge, omission, misnomer or defect whatsoever. So help you God.

Oath of the Commissioner and Collectors of the Salt Duties, 5 *E* 6 William *E* Mary, cap. 7.

You shall swear, to execute your Office truly and faithfully without favour or affection, and shall from time to time true Account make, and de-

deliver to such Person and Persons, as Their **Majesties** shall appoint to receive the same ; and shall take no Fee or Reward for the execution of the said Office, from any other Person than from their **Majesties**, or those whom their **Majesties** shall appoint in that behalf. So help you God.

Oath of the Commissioners and other Officers, for managing the Stamp Duties, 5th & 6th William & Mary, cap. 21.

I A. B. do swear, That I will faithfully execute the Trust reposed in me, pursuant to an Act of Parliament, [Intituled, *An Act for granting to their Majesties several Duties upon Vellom, Parchment, and Paper, for Four Years, towards carrying on the War against France,*] without Fraud or Concealment ; and shall from time to time true Account make of my doing therein, and deliver the same to such Person or Persons as their **Majesties**, their Heirs or Successors shall appoint to receive such Account ; and shall take no Fee, Reward, or Profit, for the Execution or Performance of the said Trust, or the Business relating thereunto, from any Persons, other than such as shall be paid or allowed by their **Majesties**, their Heirs or Successors, or by the Commissioners of their **Majesties** Treasury, or Three of them now being, or by the Treasurer of the *Exchequer*, or three
or

or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury,
for the time being.

**The Oath of a Commission Officer, that he
has not bought his Commission, 6th & 7th
William 3. cap. 8.**

I A. B. do hereby declare, That I have nei-
ther directly nor indirectly, by my self, nor
any one for me, with my knowledge, given,
or promised hereafter to give any Sum of Money,
Present, Gift, or Reward to any Person or Per-
sons whatsoever, for obtaining my Commission,
to be _____ in the Regiment
of _____ Commanded by
_____ other than the usual
Fee to the Secretary, or the Secretary of the
Commander in Chief of the Army Counter-
signing such Commission. So help me God.

**An Oath to be taken at the Registering of
Ships in Plantations, 7th William 3.
cap. 22.**

Jurat' A. B. That the Ship
of _____ whereof
is at present Master, being a _____ of
_____ Tuns, was built at
_____ in the Year _____ and that
_____ of _____ and
of, &c. are at present Own-
ers

ers thereof; and that no Foreigner, directly or indirectly, hath any Share, or Part, or Interest therein.

Oath of a Freeholder, 7th & 8th William 3. cap. 25.

You shall swear, That you are a Freeholder for the County of
and have Freehold Lands or Hereditaments of the Yearly Value of Forty Shillings, lying at
within the said County of
and that you have not
been before Polled at this Election.

Oath of Director of the Land Bank, 7th & 8th William 3. cap. 31.

I Do hereby swear, That to the best of my Judgment I will truly execute the Office of
in all things,
according to the true intent and meaning of the Act of Parliament establishing the same. So help me God.

Quaker's Affirmation, 7th & 8th William 3. cap. 34.

I A. B. do declare in the Presence of Almighty God, the Witness of the Truth of what I say.

Oath

Oath to be taken by the Master of the Mint, 8th William 3. cap. 7.

I A. B. do solemnly promise and declare, That in all Cases, where (in pursuance of the Act of Parliament in this behalf) I am to determine or declare the Quantity of Sterling Silver contained in any wrought Plate that shall be brought to me, I will Faithfully and Impartially declare and determine the same, and the Allowance which is to be made for such Plate, by virtue of the said Act, according to the best of my Skill and Judgment, without any Covin or Malice, and without any Favour or Affection; and that in my Accounts, and in all other Matters and Things to be done and performed by me, in relation to the said Act of Parliament, I will faithfully and honestly perform the Trust in me reposed. So help me God.

The Oath of a Broker, 8th & 9th William 3. cap. 32.

I A. B. do sincerely Promise and Swear, That I will truly and faithfully execute and perform the Office and Employment of a Broker between Party and Party, in all things appertaining to the Duty of the said Office and Employment, without Fraud or Collusion, to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, and according to the Tenour

nour and Purport of the Act [Intituled, *An Act to restrain the Number and ill Practice of Brokers and Stock-Jobbers.*] So help me God.

Oath of a Commissioner of the Stamp Duty,
9th & 10th William 3. cap. 25.

I A. B. do swear, That I will faithfully execute the Trust reposed in me, pursuant to the Act of Parliament for the further or additional Duties upon Stamped Vellom, Parchment, and Paper, without Fraud or Concealment, and shall from time to time true Account make of my Doings, and deliver the same to such Person or Persons as his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors shall appoint to receive such Account, and shall take no Fee, Reward, or Profit for the Execution or Performance of the said Trust, or the Business relating thereunto, from any Persons, other than such as shall be paid or allowed by his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, or by the Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or any three or more of them now being, or by the Treasurer of the Exchequer, or three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being.

Oath of a Master of an Affrican Ship, 9th
& 10th William 3. cap. 26.

I A. B. do swear, That the Manifest or Particular now by me given in, and signed, to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, doth Contain,

tain, Specifie and Express all the Goods, Wares,
and Merchandizes which are Laden or intended
to be Laden, or put on Board the Ship or Vessel
called the _____ whereof I
A. B. am Master for this Voyage to *Africa*.
So help me God.

Oath of an Exporter of Goods to Africa,
9th & 10th William 3. cap. 26.

I A. B. do swear, That the Entry by me now
made and Signed, doth Contain and Specifie
all the particular Quantities, Quality, and true
and full Value of all the Goods, Wares, and
Merchandizes therein exprest to be shipped
on Board the Ship or Vessel called the
_____ whereof
_____ is Master for the Voyage
she is now to proceed on to *Africa*. So help
me God.

**Oath of a Master of an Affrican Ship at
his return Home,** *9th & 10th William 3.
cap. 26.*

I A. B. do swear, That the Manifest or Par-
ticular, now by me given in and Signed, to
the best of my Knowledge and Belief, doth Con-
tain, Signifie and Express, all the Goods, Wares
and Merchandizes (*Negroes* excepted) which
were laden'd or put on Board the said Ship call-
ed _____

I A B. do swear in the presence of Almighty God, That I will truly and impartially Try and Adjudge the Prisoner or Prisoners which shall be brought upon his or their Trials before this Court, and honestly and duly on my part put His Majesty's Commission for the Trying of them in Execution according to the best of my skill and knowledge ; and that I have no Interest, directly or indirectly, in any Ship or Goods, for the Piratically taking of which any Person stands Accused, and is now to be Tried. So help me God.

I A. B. do swear, That I will according to the best of my skill and knowledge, faithfully, impartially, and truly demean my self in the discharge of the Trust committed unto me by an Act of Parliament, Intituled, *An Act for the appointing Commissioners to Take, Examine*

mine and Determine the Debts due to the Army, Navy, and for Transport Service, and also an Account of the Prizes taken during the late War, according to the Tenour and Purport of the said Act; so that neither the Publick, nor any Persons concerned in such Accounts may be prejudiced. So help me God.

Oath of an Assay Master, 12 & 13 William the 3d. cap. 4.

I A. B. do swear, That I will be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord King *William*, and will so long as I shall continue an Assayer, well and faithfully behave my self in the said Office, and no undue Profit to my self take, to the hurting or hindrance of any Person that is Owner or Bringer in of any Gold or Silver in Plate to be Assayed, except of Plate wrought only four grains of every Pound weight, to be taken and put into the Box of Diet, and other four grains to be taken likewise of every Pound weight of Plate wrought (and not otherwise) towards my Waste and spillings, in making the said Assays, and that I will Touch no Gold nor Silver, but what shall be of the Goodness of, and according to the Standard of this Kingdom, which for the time being is, or shall be appointed by Law for Wrought Plate; and all such Gold and Silver as shall be brought to me to be Touched, I will truly set down in Writing, and the same, at all times as I shall be required, will duly and truly de-

deliver again (except Eight grains, as aforesaid) and will true Accounts make thereof, when threunto required by the Wardens of the Companies wherein I am chosen Assayer; and that I will no Assays make of Things new Wrought, before they be mark'd with the Mark of the Maker or Owner thereof; and that I will not put into the aforesaid Box any Silver but that Silver which I shall have scraped and taken from the Plate which I shall Assay, and pass for Standard. So help me God.

Oath of the Keeper of the Cotton Library,
12 & 13 William 3d. cap. 7.

I A. B. do swear That I shall and will, during my continuance in the Employment of Keeper of the *Cottonian* Library, use my utmost care and endeavour for the preserving of the same, and will not willingly or wittingly permit or suffer the same, or any of the said Books, Papers, Parchments, Records, or other Particulars contained in the said Library to be given away, aliened, disposed, or otherwise imbezeled. So help me God.

Oath of Abjuration, 13 William 3d.
cap. 6.

I A. B. do truly and sincerely Acknowledge, Profess and Testify in my Conscience before God and the World, That our Sovereign Lord King

William is Lawful and Rightful King of this Realm, and all other His Majesty's Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging. And I do solemnly and sincerely declare, That I do believe in my Conscience, that the Person pretended to be Prince of *Wales*, during the Life of the late King *James*, and since his Decease pretending to be and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of *England*, by the Name of *James* III. hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any other the Dominions thereto belonging: And I do Renounce, Refuse, and Abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him. And I do swear that I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to His Majesty King *William*, and Him will Defend to the utmost of my power against all Traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against His Person, Crown or Dignity. And I will do my best endeavour to disclose and make known to His Majesty and His Successors, all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know to be against Him or any of them. And I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my power, to support, maintain and defend the Limitation and Succession against him the said *James*, and all other Persons whatsoever, as the same is and stands Limited by an Act, [Intituled, *An Act declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and Settling the Succession of the Crown to His Majesty during His Majesty's Life; and after his Majesty's decease, to the Princess Anne of Denmark, and the Heirs of Her*

Her Body, being Protestants ; and for default of such Issue, to the Heirs of the Body of His Majesty being Protestants ; and as the same by one other Act, Intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, is and stands Limited after the Decease of His Majesty and the Princess Anne of Denmark, and for default of Issue of the said Princess, and of His Majesty respectively, to the Princess Sophia, Electress and Dutches Dowager of Hanover, and the Heirs of Her Body, being Protestants. And all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to these express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evasion, or secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation, and Promise heartily, willingly and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian. So help me God.

Oath of Officers of a Court Martial,
1 Anne, cap. 16.

You shall well and truly Try and Determine, according to your Evidence, in the Matter now before you, between our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and the Prisoner to be Tryed. So help me God.

Oath of the Register for entering Memorials in the West-Riding of Yorkshire,
2 Ann. cap. 4.

You shall truly and faithfully perform the Office and Duty that is directed and required by Act of Parliament, in Registering Memorials of Deeds, Conveyances and Wills within the West-Riding of the County of *York*, so long as you shall continue in the said Office; and that you have not given nor promised, directly or indirectly, nor authorized any Person to give or promise any Money, Gratuity or Reward whatever, for procuring or obtaining the said Office for you. So help you God.

Oath of Abjuration alter'd, 6 Ann. cap. 7.

I A. B. do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare in my Conscience before God and the World, That our Sovereign _____ is Lawful and Rightful _____ of this Realm, and all other Majesty's Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging. And I do solemnly and sincerely declare, That I do believe in my Conscience, that the Person pretended to be Prince of *Wales* during the Life of the late King *James*, and since His Decease pretending to be, and taking upon him-

himself the Stile and Title of King of *England*, by the Name of *James* the 3d, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any other the Dominions thereto belonging : And I do renounce, refuse and abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to Him ; and I do swear, That I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to _____ and will defend _____ to the utmost of my power against all Traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever which shall be made against _____ Person, Crown or Dignity. And will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to _____ Majesty and _____ Successors all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know to be against _____ or any of them. And I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my power, to support, maintain and defend the Succession of the Crown against him the said *James*, and all other Persons whatsoever, as the same by an Act, [Intituled, *An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject*, is and stands Limited to the Princess *Sophia*, Electress and Dutches Dowager of *Hanover* and the Heirs of Her Body being Protestants.] And all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evasion, or secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renuntiation and Promise heartily, willingly

lingly and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian. So help me God.

Oath of Register for the East-Riding of Yorkshire, 6 Anne, cap. 35.

Y**O**u shall truly and faithfully perform and execute the Office and Duty that is directed and required by you to be done by Act of Parliament, [Intituled, *An Act for the Publick Registering of all Deeds, Conveyances, Wills and other Incumbrances that shall be made of or that may affect any Honours, Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments within the East-Riding of the County of York, or Town and County of the Town of Kingston upon Hull, after the Nine and twentieth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and eight.*] And that you have not given or promis'd directly or indirectly, nor Authorized any Person to give or promise any Money, Gratuity or Reward whatsoever, for Procuring or Obtaining the said Office for you. So help you God.

The Oath of the Register for Registering Deeds, &c. in the County of Middlesex, by the Statute of the 7th of Queen Anne, cap. 20.

Y**O**u shall swear, That you will truly and faithfully perform and execute the Office and Duty that is directed and required by you to be done, by Act of Parliament, [Intituled *An*
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All for the Publick Registering of Deeds, Conveyances, and Wills, and other Incumbrances which shall be made of, or that may affect any Honours, Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the County of Middlesex, after the Twenty-ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and nine,] and that you have not given or promised, directly or indirectly, nor Authorized any Person to give or Promise any Money, Gratuity or Reward whatsoever, for Procuring or Obtaining the said Office for you. So help you God.

The Oath of the Managers of the Lottery,
for Raising 1500000 l. by the Statute of
the 8th of Queen Anne, cap. 4.

I A. B. do swear, That I will faithfully execute the Trust reposed in me, and that I will not use any indirect Art or Means to obtain a Prize or Fortunate Lot, for my self, or any other Person whatsoever; and that I will do my utmost Endeavour to prevent any Sinister or undue Practice to be done to any Person whatsoever; and that I will to the best of my Judgment declare to whom any Prize, Lot, or Ticket of Right does belong, according to the True Intent of this Act.

The Oath of the Commissioners and other Officers for the Duty on Stamps, &c. by the Statute of the 8th of Queen Anne, c. 9.

I A. B. do swear, That I will faithfully execute the Trust reposed in me, pursuant to the
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Act of Parliament, [Intituled, *An Act for laying certain Duties upon Candles, and certain Rates upon Monies to be given with Clerks and Apprentices, towards Raising Her Majesty's Supply, for the Year One thousand seven hundred and ten,*] without Fraud or Concealment, and shall from time to time true Account make of my Doings therein, and deliver the same to such Person or Persons as Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors shall appoint to receive such Account, and shall take no Fee, Reward, or Profit for the Execution or Performance of the said Trust, or the Business relating thereto, from any Person or Persons, other than such as shall be paid or allowed by Her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, or some other Person or Persons under her or them to that Purpose authorized.

The Oath of Allegiance to be taken by all Officers, Civil and Military, by the Statute of the 8th of Queen Anne, cap. 14.

I A. B. do sincerely Promise and Swear, That I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Anne. So help me God.

I A. B. do, in the Sincerity of my Heart, Assert, Acknowledge, and Declare, That Her Majesty Queen Anne is the only Lawful, Undoubted Sovereign of this Realm, as well *de Jure*, that is, of Right Queen, as *de Facto*, that is, in the Possession and Exercise of the Government :

ment: And therefore I do sincerely and faithfully Promise and Engage, That I will with Heart and Hand, Life and Goods, maintain and defend her Majesty's Title and Government, against the Pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his Adherents, and all other Enemies, who either by open or secret Attempts shall disturb or disquiet her Majesty in the Possession and Exercise thereof.

The Oath of the Post-Master General, and other Officers belonging to the Post-Office, by the Statute of the 9th of Queen Anne, cap. 10.

I *A. B.* do swear, That I will not Wittingly, Willingly or Knowingly open, detain, or delay, or cause, procure, permit or suffer to be opened, detained, or delayed any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, which shall come into my Hands, Power, or Custody, by reason of my Employment in or relating to the *Post Office* except by the Consent of the Person or Persons to whom the same is or shall be directed, or by an Express Warrant in Writing under the Hand of one of the Principal Secretaries of State for that Purpose; or except in such Cases where the Party or Parties to whom such Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets shall be directed, or who is or are hereby chargeable with the Payment of the Ports or Port thereof, shall refuse or neglect to pay the same; and except such Letters or Packets as shall be returned for want of true Direction

rection, or when the Party or Parties to whom the same is or shall be directed, cannot be found: And that I will not any way Imbezel any such Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, as afore-said.

The Oath of the Commissioners for Stating the Publick Accounts, by the Statute of the 9th of Queen Anne, cap. 13.

I A. B. do swear, That According to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, I shall faithfully, impartially, and truly demean my self, in Taking, Examining, and Stating the Accounts of all such Sum or Sums of Money, and other Matters and Things brought or to be brought before me in Execution of an Act, [Intituled, *An Act for the Taking, Examining, and Stating the Publick Accounts of the Kindom,*] according to the Tenor and Purport of the said Act.

The Oath of the Deputy Governor and Directors of the Company of the Mine-Adventurers by the Statute of the 9th of Queen Anne, cap. 24.

I A. B. will truly and faithfully execute the Office and Duty of Deputy-Governor (or one of the Directors) of the Corporation, known by the Name of *the Governor and Company of Mine Adventurers of England*, in every respect, according

according to the best of my Skill and Understanding, and as I shall judge most for the Advantage of the said Company. So help me God.

The Oath of the said Company's Accountants, *ibid.*

I A. B. will well and truly, according to the best of my Skill and Understanding, Examine the Books, Deeds Papers, and Accounts, relating to and belonging to the Corporation, known by the Name of *the Governour and Company of the Mine Adventurers of England*, and see if the said Accounts are fairly and regularly entred, and justly made up with proper Vouchers, and will fairly and impartially lay before the next general Meeting of the said Company, held after I shall have made such Examination, the true State of the said Companies Accounts, with such Observations and Informations thereon, as I shall judge Just and Reasonable. So help me God.

The Oaths appointed to be taken by the Ministers of the Establish'd Church of Scotland, and the Ministers of any Episcopal Congregation in Scotland, by the Statute of the 10th of Queen Anne, cap. 7.

I A. B. do sincerely promise and swear, That I will be faithful, and bear true Allegiance

ance to Her Majesty Queen *Anne*. So help me God.

I *A. B.* do truly and sincerely Acknowledge, Profess, Testifie, and declare in my Conscience before God and the World, That our Sovereign Lady Queen *Anne* is Lawful and Rightful Queen of this Realm, and of all other Her Majesty's Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging; and I do solemnly and sincerely declare, That I do believe in my Conscience the Person pretended to be Prince of *Wales*, during the Life of the late King *James*, and since his Decease pretending to be and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of *England*, by the Name of *James* the Third, or of *Scotland* by the Name of *James* the Eighth, or the Stile and Title of King of *Great Britain*, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any other the Dominions thereunto belonging: And I do Renounce, Refuse, and Abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him; and I do swear that I will bear true Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen *Anne*, and Her will defend, to the utmost of my Power, against all Traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, against her Person, Crown, or Dignity: And I will do my best Endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty, and Her Successors, all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know to be against Her, or any of them; And I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my Power, to Support, Maintain, and
Defend

Defend the Succession of the Crown against him the said *James*, and all other Persons whatsoever, as the same is and stands Settled [by an Act, Intituled, *An Act declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and Settling the Succession of the Crown to Her present Majesty and the Heirs of Her Body, being Protestants;*] and as the same, [by one other Act, Intituled, *An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject*] is and stands Settled and Entailed, after the Decease of Her **Majesty**; and for default of Issue of Her **Majesty**, to the Princess *Sophia*, Electress and Dutches Dowager of *Hanover*, and the Heirs of her Body, being Protestants. And all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to these express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evasion, or secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgement, Abjuration, and Renunciation, and Promise, heartily, willingly and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian. So help me God.

The Oath of the Commissioners and other Officers for Managing or Collecting the Stamp Duties, by the Statute of the 10th of Queen Anne, cap. 19.

I A. B. do swear, That I will faithfully execute the Trust reposed in me, pursuant to the
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Act of Parliament, whereby *certain Duties are Charged upon Surrenders of and Admittances to Copybold Lands or Tenements*, and other the Matters and Things thereby directed to be Stamp'd, as is therein mentioned, without Fraud or Concealment; and shall, from time to time, true Account make of my doings therein, and deliver the same to such Person or Persons, as Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors shall appoint to receive such Account, and shall take no Fee, or Reward, or Profit for the execution or performance of the said Trust, or the Business relating thereto, from any Person or Persons, other than such as shall be allowed by Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, or some other Person or Persons by Her or them to that purpose Authorized.

The Oath of the Managers of the Lottery for Raising 1800000 l. by the Stat. of the 10th of Queen Anne, cap. 19.

I A. B. do swear, That I will faithfully execute the Trust reposed in me, and that I will not use any indirect Art or Means to obtain a Prize or Fortunate Lot, for my self, or any other Person whatsoever; and that I will do my utmost endeavour to prevent any sinister or undue Practice to be done by any Person whatsoever; and that I will, to the best of my Judgment, declare to whom any Prize, Lot, or Ticket

Ticket of Right does belong, according to the Intent of the Act in that behalf.

The Oath of an Insolvent Debtor, in order to his Releasement, by the Statute of the 10th of Queen Anne, cap. 20.

I A. B. do, upon my Corporal Oath, in the presence of Almighty God, solemnly swear, profess and declare, That the Schedule now Delivered, and by me Subscribed doth contain, to the best of my Knowledge and Remembrance, a full, just, true, and perfect Account and Discovery of all the Estate, Goods and Effects unto me any ways belonging, and such Debts as are to me Owning, or to any Person in Trust for me, have, and of all Securities and Contracts, whereby any Money will or may hereafter come Payable, or any Benefit or Advantage accrue to me, or to my use, or to any other Person or Persons in Trust for me, have not Land, Money, Stock, or any other Estate, Real or Personal, in Possession, Reversion, or Remainder, of the value of Ten Pounds: And that I have not directly or indirectly Sold, Lessened, or otherwise Conveyed, Disposed of in Trust, or Concealed, all or any part of my Lands, Money, Goods, Stock, Debts, Securities, Contracts, or Estate, whereby to Secure the same, to receive or expect any Profit or Advantage thereof, or to defraud or deceive any Creditor or Creditors to whom I am Indebted in any wise howsoever. So help me God.

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**The Oath of a Freeholder, by the Statute of
the 10th of Queen Anne, cap. 23.**

Y^D**U** shall swear, That you are a Freeholder
in the County of _____ and
have Freehold Lands or Hereditaments lying or
being at _____ in the County of _____
of the Yearly value of Forty
Shillings, above all Charges payable out of the
same ; and that such Freehold Estate hath not
been made or granted to you Fraudulently, on
purpose to Qualify you to give your Vote ;
and that the Place of your Abode is at
_____ in _____ and that you
have not been Polled at this Election.

**The Oath of the Managers of the Lottery
for Raising 1800000 l. by the Statute of
the 10th of Queen Anne, cap. 26.**

I **A. B.** do swear, That I will faithfully ex-
ecute the Trust reposed in me, pursuant to
the late Act of Parliament, for Raising Eighteen
Hundred Thousand Pounds upon Standing Or-
ders payable in Course, with a certain Increase
of Principal and Interest, according to the several
Classes, with Addition of Chances ; and that I will
not use any indirect Art or Means, or permit or
direct any Person to use any indirect Art or
Means, to obtain a Premium or Prize, or For-
tunate Lot, for my self or any other Person
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whatsoever ; and that I will do my utmost endeavour to prevent any sinister or undue Practice to be done by any Person whatsoever ; and that I will to the best of my Judgment, declare to whom any Premium, Prize, Lot or Ticket of Right does belong, according to the true Intent of that Act.

The Oath of the Commissioners for Stating the publick Accounts, &c. by the Statute of the 10th of Queen Anne, cap. 31.

I A. B. do swear, That I will according to the best of my skill and knowledge, faithfully, impartially, and truly Demean my self in the discharge of the Trust committed unto me by an Act of Parliament, [intituled, *An Act for the appointing Commissioners to Take, Examine and Determine the Debts due to the Army, Transport Service, Sick and Wounded,*] according to the Tenor and Purport of the said Act, so that neither the Publick, nor any Person concerned in such Accounts, may be prejudiced. So help me God.

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